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Visual Instruction

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ILLINOIS, above, and NEW YORK, below, rank upon rank of OUR LUTHERAN YOUTH, WHO CAN MEASURE THE YOUTH POWER OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH?

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Sustaining Memberships for 1926

FIRST PLACE!

It may seem to some that the Sustaining Membership Appeal is taking too prominent a place in the REVIEW. We give it first place because it is, and must be, first in our emphasis, just now. It is fundamental to the program of the L. L. of A. If the L. L. of A. can not be financed it must change its program and, in this case, change means curtail. Perhaps we should have larger dues and less emphasis on the S. M. but *we do not have larger dues* and have no prospect of getting them till after the Salisbury Convention. Then it is a question whether it would be wise. *Your Sustaining Membership is a message of assurance to your Executive Committee and staff that you like the way things are moving in the Luther League and want that sort of progress continued.*

When we are sure you understand that the dues actually pay only one quarter of the budget and that the S. M. is vital to our work we will place these lists of friendly donors in a more modest place. Till then we give the S. M. Appeal *first place!*

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Corrections cheerfully made!

Life Service Department

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

LAKE BREEZES, PLAY AND INSPIRATION

While writing these thoughts on Life Service we are here at one of the garden spots of God's great earth, Lakeside, Ohio. We have been attending the Summer School of the Synod of Ohio, the Convention of the Luther League of Ohio and listening to some of the world's greatest Christian statesmen. We can not tell all that is on our heart and in our mind. If every League had been represented at such a school and would carry the message back to the home League there would be no lack of volunteers in the service of our Master. It certainly is "great to be a Luther Leaguer these days," and by Luther Leaguer we mean a consecrated Christian and not a half-baked youth with only frivolity in his soul. It was a real inspiration to see the large number of fine young men and women at Lakeside. It was more than gratifying to know that such a large percentage of them were either college graduates or college students. That spells *trained leadership,* and that, plus consecration, spells *power.* The youth of the Lutheran Church is gradually and effectively awakening to a realization of its life purpose.

Yes, Uncle Amos was there and with a real challenge. Miss Mehlhouse was there with all her knowledge and enthusiasm for the vital Junior work. The Intermediate "Wolf" paid us the courtesy of stopping over at our home on his way West.

Did you ever hear the statement, "What Ought to Be Done Can Be Done?" Under that title Uncle Amos presents one of the finest challenges on the youth problem, we have ever heard. If you haven't heard it call him in some time. One of the things that ought to be done this fall and can be done is that Life Service study group. September is the time to get lined up. February the regular time for Life Service Day will soon be here. Perhaps your League would find it more convenient and successful to have this Day earlier in the fall. That is to be determined by local conditions, but by all means do not fail to have it. Appeals, conferences, banquets are all good but if these are preceded by an intelligent study of the entire question these appeals, conferences and banquets will be a thousand times better. We believe the Bible to be the best guide in such as all matters, so let's study Life Service through some book which will tell us what the Bible teaches. But by all means do not fail to make the Bible the *real* textbook.

Every Life Service Secretary should get and study "The Call to Prophetic Service," Dr. Henry Schaeffer. It costs $3.25, but is worth $100.00. By spending eighty-five cents every Secretary can have in his possession two most helpful booklets published by the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church. The one is "The Manual" which is the Presbyterian Program for the Young People of her Church. The other is "Vocations from the Christian Viewpoint," a week-day discussion course. Get them from our own Publication Board.

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MORE YOUTHOGRAMS

Did you think through all the Youthograms as given in the August issue of the REVIEW? Did you agree with all of them? Here are some more of them.

THE HOME

1. The mother's place is in the home even if she is forced to lay aside her profession. (The sentiment of the girls was somewhat against this resolution.)

2. Early marriages are to be discouraged. The desirable age is after a college course or its equivalent.

3. The chief work of a mother lies in making a Christian home. In particular as a companion and teacher of her children. On the one hand, she is to be relieved of

drudgery, on the other, of multiplicity of activities.

(It is very much in place to indicate here that the young men, during the discussion on the above section, indicated that "clothing should be to adorn,—a setting for a girl's beauty and not an exhibition.")

4. The father should share in the responsibility and should not permit business, social and club activities to rob the home.

We hear much about the break-down of the home these days but it seems that some of the youth have been noticing the fact and have some very reasonable plans for a decided improvement. Their decisions will not take well with the girl who has her heart very much set on a career and marriage at the same time. The old time foolishness that a girl who contemplates marriage need not think of an education, is also given the deserved blow. Where could a position be found which rightfully demands more thorough preparation than the fine art of being wife and mother? The very busy business and club man gets little sympathy from the thinking of the oncoming generation. Every night away from home is not fulfilling a husband's or father's place.

The Race Question

1. Social justice is related to travel, living conditions, education and the courts.

2. Ministers and other leaders of the church should give the congregations information on this question.

3. Young peoples' societies should study the attitude of race relationships with regard to the teachings of Jesus.

4. In preparation of young people's programs, adequate provision should be made for the study of race relations.

5. Since there have been no adequate findings on the differences between races, we are agreed that all races should have an equal opportunity to make the most of their lives.

6. Each section and community, in the light of the teachings of Jesus Christ should be allowed to solve its own race problems in its own manner.

Social Relationships

1. We believe that a solution to the social problem lies first in education. Children should be compelled to attend school until sixteen years of age.

2. We believe that a national child labor amendment should be enacted and enforced.

3. As to the hours of working, no man should be required to work more than eight hours for a living wage.

4. We recognize the responsibility of each individual to make a positive contribution to the wellbeing of his community and that no man or corporation has the right to force a fellowman to work such long hours that he will fail in the full development of personality and ability.

5. Can a man be wealthy and a Christian too? Yes, if he has both Christian personality and character.

6. As Christian youth we believe that education should not be a line of distinction between social classes but should add obligation on the part of the educated.

Missionary Department

"Come" and "Go"

SIX REASONS

Two conversations between a Luther League President and the General Missionary Secretary.

President—No, I do not want to organize a mission study class in our Luther League. Will you tell me why a mission study class should be organized?

Missionary Secretary—There are six good reasons for organizing such a class. The first one is because—but then, I think it will be better for you to find the six good reasons for yourself. Possibly, you may find seven or eight or even more, but I know that there are six. When you have found them will you come back and tell me the answer to your own question?

President—Well, that is a great note. I have been told that the missionary secretary would answer all of our questions. Now when I ask you for information you tell me to find it for myself. Psychologists say that young people should be given reasons when they demand them. However, I shall do what you ask and try to answer my own question. I don't believe that I'll find six reasons, or even five, but I know that I can easily find six reasons why I should *not* organize a mission study class. It would take so much time. It would be so hard to get people to take part. We haven't the money to buy the books. That's three reasons and I know that there are three more.

Missionary Secretary—You have promised me. Will you keep your promise, and answer your own question? Will you try to find six reasons for organizing a mission study class?

President—Yes, I'll keep my promise, but I'll not find six reasons. I'll come back in three days. I want to get this thing off of my mind because I don't like to refuse to do what I am asked to do and what the Luther League Missionary Secretary advises.

AFTER THREE DAYS

President—Six reasons? Why, I found six in half an hour. I am so glad that you did not tell me the reasons. I know ten perfectly good reasons why I should organize a mission study class in our Luther League. I did not even wait until I had talked with you. I have ordered all of the mission study books that are recommended so that I may select the one that I think will be best. I have written notes to every member of our League and have asked all of them to meet at my house on Friday evening for something good. I am not going to tell them what it is for until they get there. I'll be ready for them with my ten good reasons and possibly by that time I may have eleven perfectly good reasons. Just come around with us on Friday evening and we may be able to tell you some good reasons which you have not considered. Certainly if you know only six reasons, you are not as well informed as I think a missionary secretary should be.

Missionary Secretary—I shall certainly be there and learn at your feet. But will you tell me the reasons that you have found. I want to pass them on to other Luther League presidents and missionary secretaries.

President—Of course, I will. Please count them while I tell them to you. The first one is because— But no, I'll not tell these reasons. Other presidents will understand them better if they find the six reasons themselves. I think that I might not have accepted them as good reasons if I had not found them for myself. I hope that every Luther League president will try to find ten reasons why a mission study class should be organized in every League. And I hope that every one of them will be just as thoroughly convinced as I am that the reasons are good ones and will get just as much pleasure out of the mission study classes as I expect to get out of the one in our League. I am very grateful to you for asking me to find six reasons.

There are ten really good reasons why mission study classes should be organized. If the president of each league will find five reasons and the missionary secretary will find five other reasons, the ten reasons will be found. Possibly some of the members of the League may be able to find others. The time for action will come just as soon as a sufficient number of reasons have been found.

Issue invitations, as the president quoted above did. Put into your mission study class the enthusiasm that youth uses to "make things go," and write to the general missionary secretary of the result.

A list of all the mission study classes organized will be reported in the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW if the General Missionary secretary is notified of the organization. Do not fail to send your report.

The following mission study books are recommended for this year.

"The Why and How of Foreign Missions"—The story of Our Missions, "Young Islam on Trek"—Describes the turmoil in Moslem lands due to contact with western civilization.

"Our Templed Hills"—A study of the rural Church problem but of mighty interest to city Church as well. Popularly written.

"The Story of Missions"—An easy reading history of missions.

General Secretary's Letter

FRIENDLY LETTER NO. 9

(To be read at a September business meeting)

DEAR FAMILY:—

This has been a summer of summer schools and conventions. I have enjoyed them very much and made many new friends. As I meet our League leaders here and there over the Church I am more and more impressed with the fine character of the young folks who are directing the League ranks.

Up to the time of writing I have been at Lake Wawasee, Indiana, where the Michigan Synod holds its school, at Lakeside, Ohio, seat of the Synod of Ohio School and at Thiel where the Pittsburgh Synod trains its workers. This Summer School Movement is growing and its possibilities are truly wonderful. The proportion of young folks in attendance is growing and foretells a better trained Church membership.

Summer Schools are not all work by a long shot. We have good times, as good as you can have anywhere. Swimming, boating, tennis, volley ball, baseball, hiking and whatnot to make the afternoons too short.

At Wawasee the Michigan and Indiana Synods organized baseball teams and had spirited battles. To umpire was no weakling's task. Nor shall we soon forget the

boat ride to Put-in-Bay from Lakeside. We were rocked gently enough in the cradle of the deep but some of us were not so used to being rocked to sleep as we once were. Let me assure you that you can become *sea* sick on a *lake*.

To make this trip enjoyable I bundled the whole family in the car and adopted Miss Mehlhouse for the occasion and we drove out to Wawasee and back to Philadelphia, a long way to go but a wholly delightful ride. One discovers what a great state is Pennsylvania, great in distance and great in mountains too. With Uncle Bob Wolf on the long trek to Kansas by auto the Luther League Staff was pretty much on wheels this summer.

A side trip was made to Detroit and to Toledo. These thriving cities are a challenge to the East in their ambitious plans. They are daunted by nothing. They send their towering office buildings into the skies, they broaden their well-paved streets to meet traffic of coming years, they develop a civic consciousness that few far eastern cities can secure. I like the West, both near and far, and shall as opportunity presents work for a better understanding of East by West and West by East. Sectionalism must fall before understanding. Sympathy between sections, between nations, between races, between all the groups in the great world family must take its place.

I have a slogan that I have been using on various occasions. I pass it on "What ought to be done can be done." If there is a God who rules surely this is true. We may not see just now how our League could be made 100 per cent. Daily Bible Readers, but we all believe it should be done. Then we should seek a way, for if it ought to be done, it can be done. Try it out in your League as the motto for the season's work!

Do you have *all* the departments of the L. L. of A. in your League? You should have. If you appoint the secretaries or committee chairmen, as you choose to call them, have them write headquarters and we will tell them what to do. Let us make the full League program effective in every League. Faithfully yours,

Amos John Traver

Social

ONE IDEA A MONTH

(*Caroline Nolde*)

Miss Nolde, an active worker in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, has prepared a monthly program for Senior League Socials for the Pennsylvania Convention and has consented to its use in the REVIEW. So month by month for the next six issues an idea for a social will be presented. The poster, too, will be sketched. It is purposely simple and inexpensive. It is intended for the young workers who are not artists.

SCHOOL SOCIAL

For many of our league members, school days begin again in September, and those who no longer go to school will enjoy a school Social even more.

Tell your members to come dressed as school children, the girls in gingham dresses, wearing hair ribbons; the boys in short trousers or knickers, blouses and Windsor ties. If some one chooses to dress as a very small kindergarten pupil would dress, so much the funnier.

Have the leader act as teacher, pointing everyone to a seat as they come in. Sing school songs as the opening. (Action songs are good.)

Give each one a letter of the alphabet. Divide into two groups. Leader announces

a word—see which side can spell it first. Everyone holds his letter in front of him and gets in the proper order to spell the word.

Geography Spelling—First person spells name of town, river, state, country, etc.; next person announces and spells name beginning with last letter of previous word announced. Example—first person announces and spells Atlanta, second takes Arkansas, third Seattle, fourth Erie, etc.

Announce recess, and during recess play all the old fashioned ring games like—Farmer in the Dell, Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush, etc.

After recess have an old fashioned Spelling Bee. See how many of your members really can spell.

For refreshments, have the lunch man come with his basket, and sell soft pretzels and penny candy, as he used to at recess time. You can also include sandwiches in his lunch basket. If your group is large, have several lunch men, such as the pretzel man, the candy man, sandwich man. If the evening is warm, ice-cream sandwiches will prove acceptable. These may be made by purchasing ice cream in quart bricks, and slicing it thin, serving between large Sunshine or Nabisco wafers.

I am sure you can think of other appropriate things which could be included to make your School Social a success.

THE POSTER

The poster was made from ordinary cardboard, about 12x20 inches. The picture is cut from an advertisement, and the lettering done with a ten cent box of paints.

Why Worry? Ask!

ASK UNCLE AMOS!

Can our League belong to the State League without belonging to the L. L. of A.?

No. The L. L. of A. is made up of State and Synodical Leagues. It has no existence apart from them. In the same way the United Lutheran Church is made up of Constituent Synods. If a congregation belongs to a Constituent Synod it can not help belonging to the United Lutheran Church. So with a local League. I do not see why a League would want to get the benefits of L. L. of A. literature, program, secretaries and the like without sharing responsibility.

We would like to start a junior organization in our Church. Some want to start a Junior League, others a Light Brigade. What is your advice?

You have not come to an impartial advisor in asking this question as the Junior League is a part of our organization. Why not plan on weekly meetings and affiliate with both organizations. Use the same set of officers and report to both. Call it by both names if you want, Junior League-Light Brigade. Then you will have a full rounded program preparing the children to understand Intermediate League and Senior League work.

Our League is made up of high school boys and girls and they have little money. Do not you think they should be excused from paying dues and raising money for Andhra Christian College?

I do not! If you want to train up an adult membership that has money for everything else *but* Church, guard your young folks from appeals for money. If I know the kind of young folks you describe they buy candy and ice cream and spend money at amusement parks and many other places. It is a crime to let them grow up without learning to place the Church properly among the opportunities to spend money, or give it. They can not give as much as those who are earning but a penny a week for dues (a fair average in the L. L. of A.) and one more a week for Andhra will not hurt them. More would do them good. May the Lord forgive the pastors who appoint themselves guardians of their people's pocket books.

Our business session drags terribly and the young folks do not want to come. What do you suggest?

First: the President should study a Rules of Order such as Robert's. Any library would have Robert's or it would be a wise investment for the League. He should learn how to preside. For instance he should stand when he is addressed and also when he is speaking. He should require all who address him to stand. If he would ask the pastor for some drilling he would soon learn the first principles of presiding. Second: Executive Committee should always meet before the meeting. A week before would not be too long. Here each Committee Chairman and each Officer will make reports and go over the work that the meeting will be expected to do. The Secretary should keep a list of recommendations by the Executive Committee which will be read as a report to the meeting. Third: All Committees should present written reports. Fourth: Begin on time and have a time for closing and close then! The President can keep business moving if he will.

Educational Department

USE YOUR BIBLE

The Bible is not a thing to be worshipped. A savage might bow down to a telescope, but an astronomer would know better. The way to know the Bible is to use it. It is not a thing to be looked at, but a thing to be looked through. To bind a Bible beautifully, to lift it reverently, to speak of it admiringly, to guard it carefully, is alright as far as it goes, but is not to go far enough. Look through it and find God with it. See what He was to the people of the Bible, and then let Him be the same to you. Search the Scriptures for the testimony of Jesus, and honor those Scriptures by being an honor to the One those Scriptures reveal. Don't just own the Bible; use it; use it usefully.

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1—The Crucifixion.—John 19:31-37.
" 2—The Burial.—Mark 14:42-47.
" 3—The Watch at the Sepulchre.—Matt. 27:62-66.
" 4—The Forty Days.—Matt. 28:1-10.
" 5—The Forty Days.—John 20:2-10.
" 6—The Forty Days.—John 20:11-18.
" 7—The Report of the Watch.—Matt. 28:11-15.
" 8—The Walk to Emmaus.—Luke 24:13-27.
" 9—The Walk to Emmaus.—Luke 24:28-35.
" 10—The Appearance to the Disciples in Jerusalem.—John 20:19-23.
" 11—The Appearance to the Disciples in Jerusalem.—John 20:24-25.
" 12—The Appearance to Thomas with the Other Disciples.—John 20:26-29.
" 13—The Appearance to Seven Disciples by the Sea of Galilee.—John 21:1-14.
" 14—The Appearance to Seven Disciples by the Sea of Galilee.—John 21:15-24.
" 15—The Appearance to the Eleven on a Mountain in Galilee.—Matt. 28:16-20.
" 16—Christ's Final Appearance, and His Ascension.—Luke 24:44-53.
" 17—Acts 1:1-14.
" 18—Acts 1:15-26.
" 19—Acts 2:1-4
" 20—Acts 2:5-13.
" 21—Acts 2:14-24.
" 22—Acts 2:25-36.
" 23—Acts 2:37-47.
Sept. 24—Acts 3:1-10.
" 25—Acts 3:11-26.
" 26—Acts 4:1-12.
" 27—Acts 4:13-22.
" 28—Acts 4:23-37.
" 29—Acts 5:1-6.
" 30—Acts 5:7-11.

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October 3, 1926

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"WHAT IS EDUCATION? HOW TO GET IT? HOW TO USE IT?

Romans 12:1-3; 2 Timothy 2:15

To Leaders:—Ask several students, high school and college, if available, to speak on the object of going to school. Discussion question, answered by three, one of whom might be the pastor: How can we make our League 100 per cent. Daily Bible Readers? Discussion question: Do We Learn to Live or Live to Learn? Debate: Resolved that a college education pays. If those debating the affirmative will write to the nearest Lutheran college, material will be gladly supplied. If you do not know where to write, drop a line to Headquarters.

THE TOPIC

Education ought not to be strictly defined according to its word meaning, to draw out. We are not full kegs waiting to be tapped. Far from it. A great deal must be poured (or hammered) in before much can be drawn out. Perhaps educational method in former years erred too much on the side of a pouring-in ideal. These days educational faddists err in the other direction. Educators are warned not to "impose their intellects" on the plastic mind of the child. Full rounded education is a combination of impression and expression, instruction and service. In the Luther League we have discovered that an Educational Department must be made complete by Life Service and Missionary Departments.

STUDY

The way to become educated is to study. Everybody knows this but when we speak of study we think of school. School is the easiest place to study but many educated folks never went to school for any long period of years. When we seek information and learn to use it we have the student attitude, outside or inside the class room. Young folks should stay in school as long as possible but when compelled to leave school they may complete their education in the school of experience. We are never too old to learn. Let us cultivate the wideawake search after new facts and let us train ourselves to find in each new fact something we can relate to our own experience. Old folks who still travel the world's highways with the curiosity and eagerness of youth are the most delightful company. On the other hand we shun the companionship of the folks who have stopped thinking because they think they know it all. Let us dedicate our lives to study.

Good friends and good books, wise pastors and teachers, loving parents, all have a part in our education. One friend must not be neglected, the Bible. Here God makes Himself known to us. Here He also helps us to know ourselves mirrored in the lives of the saints and sinners of other days. Here He shows us how we may be reconciled to Him. 100 per cent. of our membership daily reading the Bible is one of the Luther League goals. There is no doubt that it ought to be done in our League. Every Christian should read the Bible daily. Shall we not at this meeting resolve to make this goal ours and take some definite measures to carry it out?

WORK

Study, then work. How to use an education is of supreme importance. An education that is not worked is pure waste. Graduation from school is a beginning not

an end. One boy who believed this tore up his high school diploma right after graduation because he didn't want to have that tempting him to think he had attained. No resolution is carried till it is carried out. No lesson is learned till it is expressed in service.

Work is the testing of the value of our student days. How often we are thankful when we come to the test if we really have been patient in training. Foolish boys and girls do not want to take time to prepare for life. Eleven years in school for a boy from grammar school to theological diploma seems a good many years. It will pass quickly enough but education with the live young man will not stop here. All of life will be devoted to learning more of God and man and living more for God and man.

O thou unpolished shaft, why leave the quiver?
O thou blunt axe, what forest canst thou hew?
Unsharpened sword, canst thou the oppressed deliver?
Go back to thine own maker's forge anew!

Wait the appointed time for work appointed,
Lest by the tempter's wiles thou be ensnared:
Fresh be the oil wherein thou art anointed:
Let God prepare thee for the work prepared!

UNASHAMED

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Oh to be unashamed at examination time! To have learned the use of the tools of life and to have handled them with skill! The Master Workman is by our side. May we realize His presence! May we work under His eye! May we prefer His way! May the secret of our life service be discovered and men say of us "My friend has been with Him and learned of Him."

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October 10, 1926
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

"HOW TO PULL TOGETHER"

Mark 6:7-13; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

To leaders: We will make a Problem Topic of this, offering five cases. They should be assigned to five members and time should be given after each one discusses the case for an open discussion and a vote on whether the problem was rightly solved by the speaker. The leader should read the case and those who discuss should read the Bible references as indicated. They may find other references themselves that will illustrate their points. If a debate is desired, here is a subject: Resolved that the Church should be served by voluntary workers only. (Including a pastor.)

THE TOPIC

CASE 1

Clara is a hard worker in Luther League. She has come up through Junior and Intermediate League and has been active in Senior for three years. She never turned down a committee assignment and does her work well. Nevertheless she is not popular, seldom has a "date," and is of too retiring a disposition to push herself to the front. At the last election she was put up for president in opposition to a popular girl who never did anything she could get off on some one else. Result, she was defeated. She is hurt at the ingratitude of the League and says she is done with League forever.

Is she justified? If you read Mark 6:7 emphasizing "He," how does that help in the answer? Would you say that a first principle for unity in League and Church is the belief that we are sent to our tasks not by man but by Christ?

CASE 2

Bill and George are on the Social Committee. Bill is Chairman and George is just "on." Bill wants the social at the Church but George wants it at some Leaguer's home, so as he says, there will not be so many restrictions. Bill insists as Chairman and George says he will not come.

What do you think of George? Do you think that there can be good "working together" in a League where there is no respect to officer's authority, where all do as they please? Can there be more than one authority in an organization? How about the Church? What is the source of the authority of Church leaders? Do you get any help from Mark 6:7?

CASE 3

George and Bill were having another talkfest. They both intend to become pastors. George said that he was going into the ministry because a pastor gets into the best society of a town right away, doesn't have to work too hard, has his living provided, never needs to worry about a job and in general has a pretty easy time of it. Bill disagrees with George. He says he sees the ministry as an opportunity for helping the needy, for sacrificing for Christ and for the investment of life in unselfish service. George expects to look for an easy charge with a big salary when he gets out of Seminary. Bill has in mind giving his life as an African missionary.

Which one of the boys has the right slant on life? Does Mark 6:8 help you in deciding? Can the problems raised by Bill and George be applied to other professions, such as medicine, law, etc.?

CASE 4

Our League is all split up. Everybody is pulling every way. What is the cause of division and strife, in League and Church and world?

The answer will be discovered in 1 Cor. 3:1-3. What does the carnal mind mean? How can it be overcome? Can you make peace by laws and resolutions?

CASE 5

George is having a hard time with his office as President of the League. He makes fine plans but he can't seem to get them carried out. He feels that he does not have the proper cooperation. He planned on the League taking some groceries to a poor

widow's home and he had to go alone. He is so disgusted that his resignation is already written.

What is wrong with George's point of view? Read 1 Cor. 3:4-9 and see what help you can get there. How would the title "Fellowworker with God" help any officer of League and Church?

Conclusion

We have discovered five principles of "Pulling Together" as we have studied these cases. These are by no means all and perhaps others will want to suggest additional principles. We have found that for an organization to work together *one commander* is necessary and *one authority*, both centered in Christ. *Unselfishness* is another necessity and the victory over the *carnal mind*. Last of all the worker who carries on to the end, through all kinds of discouragements is the worker who feels himself a *fellow worker* with God. There is no room for jealousy in the life of such a one.

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October 17, 1926

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

"WHAT IDEALS ARE FOUND IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES?"

Romans 13:1-8

To leaders: "The Book of the Constitution," by Elsie Singmaster will be a big help in handling this topic. Secure it from your public library or we will get it for you at the list price of $1.50. There are two chapters and one could be assigned for a couple of minutes' review by ten members. 1. What is a Constitution? 2. The New Nation (The days leading to the Confederation.) 3. Rope of Sand (Criticism of the Articles of Confederation). 4. The Philadelphia Convention. 5. The Ship is Built. 6. The Ship is Launched. 7. The First Voyage. 8. The Gathering Tempest. 9. The Amendments. 10. *Your* Constitution.

Debate: Resolved that the constitution should be amended to establish America as a definitely Christian nation.

Talks: 1. Lessons the Church can learn from the formation of the Constitution. 2. The Seventh Article of the Augsburg Confession.

The Topic

The Revolution freed the Thirteen Colonies but freed them from what? The immediate results of the Revolution were negative. The colonists were independent of foreign rule. What would be the permanent results of independence? Indeed, many asked, would independence be permanent?

Cloudy Days

The first Articles of Confederation were a loose form of association leaving the States practically free to do as they pleased. The colonies were of different sources, radically and socially, and had different economic interests. Even differences in climate affect the temperament. There were rivalry and misunderstanding. The awful scenes of Valley Forge were directly due to an inadequate central government.

By 1787 the people were ready for some thing different and the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention was held. Washington came out of retirement to act as president. Other leaders include Franklin, Madison, Hamilton, Wilson, and the Morrises. After many compromises between the large and small states and between those who wanted a strong central government and those who feared one, our constitution was sent out to the states for ratification. It was finally adopted. It has been the foundation for American prosperity as well as the model for many of the free governments of the world.

The Ideals

Note the preamble: "We, the people of the United States in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common Defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Union

Union is in the mind of God for man. Dissension entered the world with sin. Jealousy, selfishness, envy, these are some of the sins that divide. The Constitution provides for union so far as it is possible to obtain union by law. Laws do not take sin out of human character but they hold sinners in check for the common safety. Perfect union will not come without unity in Christ.

Justice

God is "Our Father." But God is not a foolish old father like Eli, spoiling His children. He did not forgive sins without the satisfaction of justice. He expects us to build our relationships on justice as well as on love. In fact no love can be effective without justice as its foundation. The godly nation cares for the rights of men, regardless of race or class.

Tranquillity

Peace was another contribution of Jesus to the world. His peace meant more than the tranquillity proposed in the Constitution. Yet there is a similarity. Peace is founded in an inner assurance that there is a government over the affairs of men. Christianity assures us that "God will take care of us." Calmness came to the disturbed colonists in a lesser sense as they became sure of the more strongly centralized government established by the Constitution.

Defence

There is no provision in our Constitution for aggression. It is the boast of America that her wars have been unselfish. Perhaps some of our wars, such as the Mexican War, would not stand too close investigation on this score. But American resources are

perverted and American life cruelly wasted when war is declared for selfish, nationalistic dreams of empire.

Welfare

Many of the provisions of the Constitution are like the 18th Amendment, purely welfare measures. There is fear in some quarters that the passing of many restrictive laws creates a paternalism of government that defeats its own ends. It is, however, Pauline Christianity to expect the few to suffer restrictions of liberty for the benefit of the many. To the man who wants to do right no law is really restrictive. The good neighbor is always free.

Liberty

The price of liberty, a liberty that knew neither race nor class, was blood. The Constitution was written in sacrifice. Liberty for all was a new ideal of government when the Constitution was adopted. Today, it is the ideal of all good governments. The blood of our fathers was not shed in vain. Elsie Singmaster says in her little "Book of the Constitution," "The makers understood that the Constitution of a living nation must deal not with material things and the things which change, but only with things that endure. The behaviour of men does not greatly alter from generation to generation. Men still need to put restraint not alone on others but on themselves. Dishonesty is the same, treason is the same. The Constitution embodies the fundamental principles of all good governments, and it will endure as long as the necessity for government endures."

President Coolidge Said:

"If we are to maintain that great heritage which has been bequeathed to us, we must be like minded as the fathers who created it. We must cultivate the reverence they had for the things that are holy. We must follow the spiritual and moral leadership which they showed. We must keep replenished that they may glow with a more compelling flame, the altar fires before which they worshipped."

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October 24, 1926

Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

LESSONS FROM THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Mark 4:1-20; Luke 15:1-10

To leaders: This is a Bible topic. It should be treated in a distinctly devotional way. Have in mind the consecration of life to telling the story of salvation. This is a fine Life Service topic. You may follow suggestions below as to reading the lessons or still a better way might be to have each passage read just before you speak on it.

The Topic

Read Mark 4:1-20 (or pass Bibles if possible and have the story read verse by verse around the room or assign to a member the whole passage).

This parable, popularly known as "The Parable of the Sower," could much better be named "The Parable of the Soils." Jesus is teaching a lesson not so much of the sowing of seed as of the reception of the seed by the soil. Like all parables this one breaks down if carried out to too fine an interpretation. Soil is not responsible for being rocky or thorn infested. Human hearts are.

The Hard Heart

Like the path trodden hard by the feet of many wayfarers the human heart may become hardened to the appeal of Jesus' love. At first the path was soft from the cutting of the plow. But now it is so hard that the seed bounces as it strikes its stony surface. So many of those who hear the gospel message Sunday after Sunday, hear and do not, finally become dulled of conscience and unreachable. Hearing begets responsibility. When we sin in Christian America we sin against light.

The Shallow Heart

As the thin soil covering the rock gives quick lodging place, quick growth and quick death to the seed, so hearts that respond quickly to emotional appeals, that make promises quickly and thoughtlessly, soon forget. They have to root "in themselves." What a vast army is here described, shallow folks who blow hot or cold as happens. They never make good in any profession, least of all in the Christian profession. God grant that our hearts may leap within us in glad response to the appeal of the Christ. Then God keep us steadfast to the end.

The Crowded Heart

Like ground full of weeds where the good seed struggles along for a while for its life before it is crowded to death, so human hearts give place to such a multitude of ambitions and desires that the impulse to Christian witness is crowded out. "Too busy, too busy!" How often that excuse for undone tasks is heard. We live a rushing pace these days. A thousand things demand our time and talents today where a hundred crowded us a decade ago. If we *will, if we will,* this is the one supreme question. The best Church workers are the busiest.

The Honest Heart

Like the good ground that bare great harvests there are thousands upon thousands of honest hearts where the appeal of Jesus finds ready and steady response. Unto death, these humble loving disciples will follow Him. In which class do we belong?

Read Luke 15:1-10 (same suggestions as above).

These three parables of the lost and found were given specially in response to the Pharasaic criticism of Jesus, that he was

"Friend of Publican and Sinners." Today this is a hallowed title for our Master. We find that all heaven joins in the thanksgiving for the salvation of the lost when the Jewish leaders were for leaving the sinners rest in the bed they had made.

THE LOST SHEEP

The foolish sheep wandered. Grass always looks greener in the field beyond. Sheep and men do not get lost all at once. A little stepping over the conscience lines today makes a longer step easier tomorrow. The shepherd knows the sheep has lost itself by its own wilfulness. Nevertheless because he is a shepherd and loves his sheep, he risks life to bring back the lost. Thus is the curtain lifted on the love of God for us. Our fault that we wander. Of course! But "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son"! If He had such mercy on us, how much more mercy should we show in our search after lost souls.

THE LOST COIN

If we may distinguish between the first parable and this, in that of The Lost Sheep we find the story told from the standpoint of man. Here we have it told from the standpoint of God. The coin is a treasure lost from the Lord's storehouse. From the standpoint of God the loss of a soul is infinitely sad. God paid the infinite price for the finding of our souls. Should we be less concerned about lost souls. It will cost us too if we set about finding them for the Father. Will we withhold the price? Could there be a better investment for our lives?

THE LOST SON

How stubborn and willful the boy. He would have his way and God will not overrule our wills and make us slaves. We can stay or go freely. The choice we must make is necessary for the building of character. What an unsurpassed picture of the love of the Father. No matter how far we have wandered away, He is longing for our return. The biggest single factor in bringing back the lost, the one big appeal that breaks down stubbon wills, is the fact that God does care. How many wanderers have been reclaimed by the telling of this great story. It is infinitely beautiful but not more so than the love of God. What a message to take to the world! What an honor that you and I can tell the world, *if we will!*

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October 31, 1926

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SLAVIC COMMUNITY LIFE

(Chapter III, Peasant Pioneers)

Mark 10:17-31

Leader:—In the fourth lesson in our study of Peasant Pioneers, we will study more of the lives of these foreign people in America—of their own community life. We have studied where they have come from, why they have come, and of their first reception. Now, we want to know where they locate in America and about their life in America. The tendencies of the Slovak people are not unlike the tendencies of other people. If a Virginian meets another Virginian in New York, the two are naturally drawn together. A New Yorker will not wait for an introduction to another New Yorker whom he may find in Texas. There is a common interest that draws the two together. So the Slovak people who come to America are drawn together and we find that they often establish a community life of their own. This is especially true in large cities. The Poles or Czechs will gradually establish their own communities, set up their own stores, establish their own banks and print their own newspapers.

POINTS FOR TALK ON SLAVIC COMMUNITY LIFE

Pages 88-104, Peasant Pioneers.

1. Slavic national organizations with local clubs and societies.
2. Many organizations for insurance and sick and death benefits.
3. Some organized to help the people at home (quotation, page 93).
4. For the preservation of racial solidarity—children are taught mother tongue.
5. Foreign language schools.
6. Business and professional life.

Leader—Those who have studied the problem say that it is not the purpose of the Slav to oppose in any way our American government. When these people come to America they come with the idea of being Americans. It is not their purpose to come and get a start and then return to their own countries. Most of them come to stay. One of the Slavs who has come to America says: "We love the homeland as a man loves his mother. But we love America as one loves his wife. And there is nothing inconsistent in these two loves." The National Croatian Society expresses its purpose in its constitution: "To help people of the Croatian race residing in America in cases of distress, sickness and death, to educate and instruct them in the English language and in other studies to fit them for the duties of life and citizenship with our English speaking people, to teach them and impress upon them the importance and duty of being naturalized under the laws of the United States and of educating their children in the public schools of the country. This organization has a large educational fund and is paying especial attention to the care of its orphan children."

SLAVIC COMMUNITIES AND ASSIMILATION

Page 105, Peasant Pioneers

Leader: Miss Hess' study book, High Adventure gives interesting statements about the Slavic people in America. The quotations which are given come from her book. Let us learn first of the location of the Poles.

THE POLES

The Poles are the most numerous of the Slavic people in America. There are 3,500,000. Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois and Michigan furnish homes for most of them. The majority of the Poles are unskilled laborers and are working in factories and mines. They are an extremely religious

people, most of them being Roman Catholic. As a rule they are very much under the influence of their priests and take part in American institutions and customs only when their priests approve. This fact often makes them lonely and isolated. Pittsburgh and Chicago are the two great Polish centers.

The Czechs

There are more than 600,000 Czechs in the United States. They are among our oldest immigrants. Chicago has 180,000; New York and Cleveland have large colonies; while others are found in Nebraska, Iowa, Texas, and Minnesota. Illiteracy is almost unknown in their country. The University of Prague is in the country of the Czechs. It is one of the oldest universities of learning in Europe. Many of our own college faculties have Czech members and a great many Czechs have become teachers. More than any other of the Slavs, they are found in all of the trades and professions. We are almost entirely dependent upon them for pearl buttons. Skilled button makers came to America many years ago. The tiny shops which were started by them have grown into large factories. The workmen have made clever inventions for cutting and polishing the shell from which the buttons are made, and today they practically control every article made of pearl in the country.

The Slovaks

The Slovaks who form a part of the new Republic of Czechoslovakia, number 619,000 in the United States. They are an illiterate people and it is hard for them to procure work outside of the mines and steel mills. It is said that practically all of the heaviest manual labor done in Pennsylvania and Ohio is done by the Slovaks. They are a restless group and are always on the move. Many a Slovak has crossed back and forth between his own country and ours many times. After a while, however, he finds that he is happier in the United States than in the Old Country and usually settles here for good.

The kind of American life the immigrant has experienced during his stay with us is generally responsible for what he takes home with him. Miss Hess further says, "I have known returned emigrants who were the means of enriching the whole life of the home village. I am thinking of Anna Bohackova, who took back with her from her six years in the United States an entirely new spirit which she was able to give to the women of her village. She gave lessons in canning vegetables and fruits, a process few peasants know about, for they dry the vegetables for the most part; she encouraged the women to save the passing peasant arts of embroidery and painted decoration. This latter undertaking has become a real project and not only gives the women a business to handle, but helps their appreciation of their own handicrafts as well, for with the increase of machine-made goods, peasant arts are in danger of dying out.

The Jugoslavs

The Jugoslavs are made up of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. They also are forced into the harder sort of unskilled labor because of their illiteracy. Many are found on the Pacific Coast. Their living conditions are often worse than those of any other Slavs. They are usually found in isolated colonies.

The Russians

It is estimated that there are 8,000 educated Russians in America who have come on account of Russian revolution. These people who have lost all of their worldly possessions and who have been reduced to utter poverty in the long period of exile from their country, are hunting and accepting all manner of ways to earn a livelihood. It is not at all uncommon in the eastern part of the country to find generals, counts and princes engaged as paper hangers, painters, waiters or common laborers. It is a pitiful but stark fact that the educated cultured foreigner has little chance to earn a living in America unless he has a good command of English. These educated Russians have come to us because of extraordinary circumstances. But the average Russian immigrants have come from primitive surroundings. Their condition is more miserable than almost any other of our immigrants. They have accepted unquestioningly the worst that America has to offer and have done the meanest of the mean work in connection with our gigantic man-eating industries. They have found discouragement and unfriendliness. The times when we have held out our hands as neighbors and well wishers have been few. Small wonder that we have become discouraged about the problem of the foreigner in our midst. There is a Russian professor who is a member of the faculty at Yale. He has made a statement which seems to apply to all of our Slavic fellow citizens: "America does not want discouraged and dissatisfied workmen, does not want men unacquainted with the advantages of freedom in a civilized country and with the responsibilities of free citizens. No coercive measures, no restrictions, no isolating, no punishments, no propaganda can make of foreign workmen useful members of the community. This can be accomplished only by education, by example, by patience, by mutual respect, and by confidence in the democratic principle of public service."

Leader—Our problem is a great one; our responsibility is also great. Many of the Slavic people who come to America take back to their own countries messages of our American ideals. Many become missionaries of all that is good in America; while others take back the message of oppression and unfriendliness. Out textbook asks the following question as a close to the chapter on Slavic Community Life: "What kind of Americans will they be? This is the vital question which Christian men and women should be asking concerning the Slavic peoples. We need not ask, 'Will they become Americans?' We know that they will do so. They have already proved it. But the other question, 'What sort of Americans will they be?' we need not only to ask but to ponder deeply, for the answer to it depends not only upon their inherent worth, but upon the opportunities which we provide for that worth to express itself in our common life."

Leader—Our program will be concluded with the

STORY OF A POLE WHO SPENT SIX YEARS IN AMERICA

"How did you like America?" a student from the United States asked a man in a village of Poland.

"I hate your country!" said the Pole who had recently returned to his native land after working six years in a Buffalo factory. "All you want of us in America is our muscle." Then with clenched fists and a revengeful spirit he repeated, "I hate America! I hate it!"

The young American was in Poland on a year's fellowship from his Board of Home Missions. He was trying to learn the attitude of the Polish people toward America, especially of those who had been in our country. So he began again.

"Why did you stay in America if you hated the place so much?"

Then followed the long story of how the industrious husband and father of five children had bought a little six-acre farm in Poland. On the farm was a two-roomed, thatched cottage which was to be the home of the family of seven. But money had to be borrowed to buy the home. The place was mortgaged. Interest rates were high. Hence, the six years of work in the Buffalo factory to pay off the mortgage on the farm back "in the old country."

"When I went to America," said the returned laborer, holding out his trembling hands, "I was a strong man. Twelve hours a day, seven days a week, were spent in that factory, and I came home broken down in health. All they want of us in America is our muscle."

Unable to dispute the statement, the young Church worker began on another tack.

"What did you think of our American Churches?"

"They are all right. But I was never in one."

"Never went to Church once in America?"

"No, sir; not once."

"How did you like our American schools?"

"They are all right. But I never was in one."

"Never was in one of our schools! We have the finest school system in the world. What did you think of our American homes?"

"They are all right. But I never was in one."

"Where were you?"

"I was working. I ate at an eating house. Slept in a bunk house. Worked every day. Nobody asked me to go into a Church, a school or a home. The people in America only wanted my muscle. They got it."

Six years seems a long time to be without a single friend. But a man waited thirty-eight years by the pool of Bethesda without a friend—until Jesus came by. Our Lord is putting into the heart of His Church today a spirit of friendliness for the 13,000,000 foreigners like this man from Poland. Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Neighborhood Houses, kindergartens, clubs, English classes and Sunday services are the means which the Churches are using to express a spirit of neighborliness to the foreign-speaking people in our country.—*Quoted from "Serving the Neighborhood."*

Intermediate Department

TO MY INTERMEDIATE FAMILY:—

How time does fly! We also know how the birds fly, but few people know how the Wolves fly. If you are interested in learning something new under the sun, I'll tell you about four Wolves that fly. The Wolves in question are the Wolf family, of which the papa Wolf is your secretary. By way of remembrance you will recall from my previous letter the fact that it was written in Kansas near the geographical center of the United States. Since writing that letter I have been back in Pennsylvania and Maryland, attending conventions and visiting

Boys' Camps. On the 22nd of July I was in Smithsburg, Md., and on the 27th, I was back in Kansas, 1350 miles away, making said flying trip by auto with the other three Wolves mentioned. Now, I believe you are convinced that there are flying birds, fishes and squirrels. This letter is being penciled in Kansas.

Since writing my last letter the prospects for enlarging our Intermediate family very considerably over its present membership are most favorable. Heretofore we have depended entirely for growth upon new leagues and increased membership of old leagues. But within the past two months a way of increasing our membership by the thousands has been opened. Here is how it all came about. There are upwards of twenty thousand Lutheran boys enrolled as Boy Scouts, plus thousands of 'teen age girls, in Camp Fires and Girl Scouts. By action of the Executive Board, of the United Lutheran Church in America, endorsement of these agencies was heartily made. In addition our Luther League of America has been authorized to submit a religious program for use by these groups of Lutheran young people looking toward a union of said groups with our Intermediate family. Still more the Luther League of America was granted the privilege by the Executive Board of becoming a recognized member of the Protestant Committee of Boy Scouts and kindred organizations, thus providing our youth organizations with the proper standing with other Church bodies in the youth movement.

In order to enroll all the organized groups of 'teen age Lutheran boys and girls a strenuous campaign will be conducted early in the Fall. This constitutes the good news to which I alluded in my previous letter. Let us work and pray for a successful effort.

Four new Leagues have come into the family this past month, they are:

No.	*Leagues*	*No. Members*
107.	Stephen's, Erie, Pa.	12
108.	Grace, Rochester, N. Y.	17
109.	Holy Trinity, Bethlehem, Pa.	26
110.	St. Paul's, Williamsport, Pa.	32
	Total	87

Subscriptions to Andhra Gymnasium,

Previously reported	$227.03
31—Oswego, New York	5.00
32—University, Seattle, Washington	5.00
Total	$237.03

Sincerely,

R. J. WOLF.

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October 3, 1926

BEING A CHRISTIAN—IN THE HOME

(Miss Helen M. Knubel)

PROGRAM

Hymn 212—Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak.

Scripture—Ephesians 6:1-9.

Prayer.

Hymn 264—O for a Heart to Praise My God.

Topic.

Hymn 541—Thou Did'st Leave Thy Throne.

Closing Prayer.

TOPIC

Leader—What is the best thing on earth? We might be prompted to answer various things to that question, but if we took the time to think it all out, we would find that the best thing on earth is a Christian home—a home where each member of the household shows that Christ is living in his or her heart. The Bible tells us very definitely how we can have this best thing on earth. There is a sort of recipe we can follow. It is found in the Scripture lesson that was just read. In this recipe there is a duty for everyone. There are four kinds of people mentioned—children, parents, servants, masters. Everyone of us belongs to at least one of these four kinds of people, and during our lifetime we may belong to all of them. Christ was each kind. Let us consider the duties of each, and let us see how Christ carried out these duties. First we will hear about the share children have in the making of a Christian home.

Member—Obedience and honor are the two watchwords for children. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother." How many heartaches we would prevent if we would remember those two words—obedience and honor to parents. So often the nasty sneaking thought comes to our mind, "But Mother doesn't know. Father doesn't understand. If only they would remember when they were young." But they do remember. Ask them sometime to tell you stories of when they were young, and see how well they remember. It is just that remembering that makes them recall what they needed and so makes them give us what we need instead of what we think we need. Mother and Father understand us better than we think, and someday not far off we will know it. Was Christ obedient, did He honor His father and mother? Luke 2: the first half of verse 51. Christ was obedient also to His heavenly Father's plan for Him. Luke 3:21 and 22. "Children, obey your parents, honor thy father and thy mother." Be Christlike. It is our share in making the best thing on earth.

Leader—What is the share that Parents have?

Member—Ephesians 6:4. This means that parents should see that their children's hearts and souls grow not with hatred, but with love—with the teachings of Christ. The developing of their children into Christian characters must be their first concern.

Was Christ that kind of a Father? Think back to the times when he healed the sick, made the blind see and the lame walk. What else did He do for these children of His that was more important than healing their bodies? To each one of them He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." How often did He seek out children of His by the wayside and sit talking with them and teaching them. When He fed the multitudes on the mountainside He also fed their souls with those wonderful words that we find in the Sermon On the Mount.

Leader—The share of servants in making a Christian home is most important for us to note. We shall see why a little further on in our discussion.

Member—Ephesians 6:5-8. This way of doing service "with good will from the heart" is what makes serving so glorious. With that spirit service no longer means slavery or drudgery, but lifts itself to the meaning of free joyous giving and doing. Was Christ a true servant? Luke 22:27. And in Matthew 20:28 we read that the Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister. And we know that to minister is to serve.

Leader—And masters—what is their share in the Christian home?

Member—Ephesians 6:9. A master's duty is to remember that we are all children of God—all alike and each one equally dear to Him. We need only think for a minute of Christ's loving treatment of His disciples to know that He was an ideal Master. His servants loved Him.

Leader—So there we have the recipe for a Christian home. Every member being Christ-like. Children, like Christ, obedient and honoring. Parents, like Christ, nurturing their children in love and the knowledge of the Lord. Servants, like Christ, serving "with good will from the heart." Masters, like Christ, remembering the humanity and equality of those who serve them. Of these four kinds of people, there is one kind to which belongs every Christian, whether he be child, parent, or master. Every Christian is a servant. Why is every Christian a servant?

Member—Every Christian has love in his heart. And when love is in the heart the natural outcome, the natural proof of it is service. Did you ever love anyone, really truly love, without wanting to do something for that person? Love always wants to do. Love wants to serve.

Leader—Let each of us look privately and honestly into our heart, and see if it is so full of love that our first and our constant thought is of how we can serve the others in our home! Is the *warmth* of love in my heart driving out the cold indifference to the needs of others? Is the *light* of love in my heart dispelling the dark blindness to the comforts of others? Is the *beauty* of love in my heart crowding out the ugliness of discontent, of jealousy, of deceit, and of meanness? Is the *music* of love in my heart drowning the discord of petty wranglings and sulkings and quarrelings? Am I doing my utmost to make the best thing on earth by showing that Christ lives in my heart?

October 10, 1926

BEING A CHRISTIAN, IN MY SCHOOL LIFE

(Rev. Mr. H. B. Stock, D.D.)

Matt. 5:14-16

The Christian religion is very practical. It touches every sphere of life. It is intended to inspire one to worship and to guide one in the daily living. Christianity is not a garment to be worn on stated occasions and then taken off and hung up until used again. It is a life that is to permeate thinking, feeling and acting. Some time ago there was a cartoon in a paper representing Jesus and a business man walking side by side on Monday morning. When they came to the place of the man's work, the man put out his hand to Jesus, saying, "Here is where we must part." He should have opened the door and invited Jesus to enter and remain with him while at the place of business.

If the Christian religion is a life, it must evidence itself in my school life and all its various phases—intellectual, social, athletic. To be a Christian in school necessarily carries with it that God's commandments must be obeyed. Lying, stealing, profanity, impurity, Sabbath desecration are equally wrong here as elsewhere. There are not two standards in the fundamentals of life for young and old. God, God's Name and God's Day are to be just as sacred at fourteen as at forty. The obligations to others as set forth in the second table of the commandments are just as binding at sixteen as at sixty.

The scripture lesson emphasizes the thought of the Christian as light. It is characteristic of light to shine and to radiate in all directions. The distance light goes will depend on the absence of barriers to shut it out and on the intensity of the source of light. The same light that will illumine a bushel will illumine a room if the bushel is removed. The light that will illumine the room can be intensified to fill the school grounds or the college campus. Let your light so shine. Remove the obstacles that prevent it reaching its possibilities. Strengthen the light if it fails to shine as far as desired.

If I am to be a Christian in my school life there are certain things that should characterize me (1) Cleanness of speech. Language is the gift to man alone of all

God's creatures. The kind of language used shows whether a man is devilish or godly. Language reflects whether a person is thinking base or noble thoughts; whether his thought world is mud or crystal. "Surely thou art one of them, for thy speech betrayeth thee," were the words of the maid to Peter during the trial of the Lord. Speech has always been a revealer not only of nationality and people but of character as well. Clean speech should characterize the Christian boy or girl on the school grounds or campus even in the face of the trend towards looseness of speech and increase of profane language. (2) Truthfulness of action. My religion calls upon me to be truthful both in word and in action. The boy described a lie as "an abomination in the sight of the Lord, but a very present help in trouble." Too frequently a lie is used to get one out of seeming difficulty, when it generally leads one deeper into trouble. The writer recalls an incident of college days. A fellow classmate was using a book for help in an examination. He was suspected by the teacher who came where the student was sitting near a large curtain and asked him directly if he was using a book. He brazenly denied that he was so doing. That fellow lost the respect of his classmates, many of whom had seen his use of helps. It was bad enough to cheat but when he was not willing to confess, he forfeited all the respect of his fellows.

(3) Play the game fair. The Christian is challenged to do his best and try to win but not at the expense of the rights that belong to others. To outwit the opposing team is part of the game, but to concentrate physical force upon the star player to put him out of business is cowardly. To take advantage of every change of wind and current is fair in a yatch race but to sail so close as to foul the other is unsportsmanlike. To take an unfair advantage in class room, on tennis court, ball field or gymnasium shows a person of small caliber. To fail to play the game of life fair is unchristian.

(4) Courtesy. As a Christian I will be courteous in my relation to others—teachers and classmates. The school is a great democracy. The shop or factory likewise. To be disrespectful to those in authority reflects a shallow moral nature. To act the snob towards others is out of harmony with the spirit of a true American boy or girl. It is not Christlike. Circumstances and birth may give one greater advantages than others. This does not justify a spirit of manifested superiority. It only means that such a one should be of greater service to his fellows. The Christian spirit calls for the recognition of true worth wherever it may be found—a worth that depends upon ability and character rather than money and influence.

SOME THINGS TO BE DISCUSSED IN MEETING

Give instances from your reading of fine exhibitions of Christian spirit on part of boys and girls at school. Tell what is the finest bit of Christian living that you have observed during your school life.

What is the most difficult side of the Christian life to live at school?

What is the greatest help to a person in school in letting his light shine?

Who should create the spirit of a school, the Christian boys and girls or others?

Tell what you can of the school life of Jesus.

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October 17, 1926

OBEDIENCE TO OUR COUNTRY'S LAWS

Rev. Mr. G. R. Heim, Superintendent
Tressler Orphans' Home

F. N. Merriman tells a delightful little story showing the pleasing results of obedience. Frank's father told him not to go to the river and Frank's walk took him toward the river. But he turned his steps sharply and went to the bedside of a sick chum instead. Luke told him that the crowd of boys had gone to the hills instead of the river because the ice was rotten and unsafe. The phone rang. Frank's four-year-old brother Peter was missing from home. In the search Peter's footsteps followed Frank's toward the river, then happily turned with his toward safety. Frank and all were happy in his rightful respect for the word of his father.

Our country is a father and mother to us. It is our homeland, the land of our birth—or adoption. It has some definite words telling us, its children, what to do and what not to do. Those words are in its Constitution and laws. We are making our telling marks by our obedience and by our disobedience. Younger children are and will follow our footsteps.

Our caretaking country is good to its children. Without its care none of us could live in peace or happiness or comfort. Hardships would be worse than could be told. We love our country because it cares for us its children better than any other country in the world. Our own parent-country has nurtured the fathers and mothers, the grandparents and the great-grandparents of most of us, when they were babes and children. For these reasons everyone should honor his country.

The Bible tells us that we should do so. St. Peter says (1 Pet. 2:13-15) "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme: or to governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that

do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." St. Paul valued his Roman citizenship though it was of no particular religious or moral value to him (Acts 15:16 and 22:25). Jesus respected the law which he did not need for his own protection and to which he was superior. All these are true with respect to the heathen Roman government which they had no reason to love yet which they respected. We have all reason to love, honor and esteem our country.

Turning to the story of Frank, there are several parallel lessons for children of our country to learn. One lesson is: the authorities in our country do not always see our acts of obedience or disobedience at the time; but their marks generally show us up. Another is: prohibition from treading on rotten ice is for the safety and benefit of us, our dearest friends and their younger children. Again, obedience to law helps to make us fit to lead others and have a part in making the government. Without obedience we are not fit. Obedience also gives us a happy conscience.

Another comparison is: crystal-clear, strong ice is a joy, a means of health and a source of usefulness to children. Rotted by spring's warmth and rain, it is the opposite of them all. Fruit and grain are likewise a means of joy, strength and satisfaction. Rotted and fermented they are of the greatest danger to life and morality.

Let us respect and obey our country's laws especially those which make us safe and help us to be better.

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October 24, 1926

BEING A CHRISTIAN—IN MY PLAY AND AMUSEMENTS

(*Rev. Mr. Harry Beidleman*)

Phil. 4:8

Being a Christian means to be Christlike, to have Him as our constant companion, our best friend. To do everything the way He would do it. It means living the Christ life and Christ living in our lives.

Play Hard

Being a Christian in my play and amusement means then to play as Christ would have me play and to be amused by such things as I know Christ would want me to enjoy. Every boy and girl should learn to play and to play well. Try to play well every game you play. What Christ did He always did well. He brought to everything the best He had to offer. Paul did the same thing because he was Christlike. Paul speaks of his own life in the terms of play, running a race. He says the real way to run a race is to forget the things that are behind and to run with all one's might to the goal. So do it with all your might, to do your best is the Christian way. Many games are lost because some one does not do his part. The way we play generally is the way we work and the way we play and work is the way we live. Do your part well. Do it the best way you can. That is the Christlike way.

Play According to the Rules

Being a Christian in our play and amusements is to play according to the rules of the game. There are many ways to cheat in every game. All the joy and fun passes out of a game when dishonesty creeps in. Be Christlike. Never stoop to dishonesty. Play the game fairly. It is a thousand times more fun to lose fairly than to win dishonestly.

When we play the game of life God expects us to play according to the rules—His Holy Word. Christ has summed up these rules in one word, namely, *love*. Make love the rule of your life. Make love the rule of your play. Love Christ so much, your parents so deeply, your playmates so sincerely that as far as you are concerned your play will always be without question, always fair and honest. There will be times when you and you alone will have to state whether you played according to the rules. There will be opportunities in your play when dishonesty can be enacted of which you alone can know. Remember you are never alone in your play. Christ is always there. Do, say and think the Christlike way.

Peace

Most of the quarrels and unhappiness existing in childhood have their beginnings at play. Unfortunately there are some boys and girls who always want their own way. Some are unkind and rude and play soon turns from a happy hour to a miserable quarrel. Do you quarrel at play? Is there ever any real reason why a boy or a girl should quarrel? Jesus always had a forgiving spirit. No matter what men did to Him He always forgave them and loved them. He told us to love our enemies. He wanted us to be peacemakers not quarrel makers. Try to be a peace loving Christian at play. It is so manly and womanly, not a sign of weakness but strength.

There is so much more fun in store for you if you do this.

Out of Doors With Christ

When you are at play keep your eyes and ears open. The Heavenly Father gave us so much to enjoy and unfortunately we miss so much. Christ loved the out of doors. Boys and girls begin early to love the out of doors like Jesus did. He speaks of lilies, birds, flowers, sheep, streams, stones, seeds, trees, the sower, the stones and of so many, many things he saw and heard. Get out into the sunshine and fresh air, in all seasons, and enjoy the things He made for us. Life will

mean so much more to you and you will feel more like living. New values will possess your soul and God will show Himself to you through the things He made.

PLAY THE GAME

After all you can't play unless you enter into the game. Don't sit around and say: "I can't." If others can, you can too. Unfortunately some boys and girls develop a spirit of, "Don't want to get into the game." Their whole spirit soon reflects this attitude and their whole life becomes a life of "I don't want to get into it." Christ was a man of action.

There are so many forms of amusement now that one of the great challenges to boys and girls is the selection of our form of amusement. There is one great sure test which should be applied to every amusement. Is it pleasing to Christ? Does He approve?

With so much amusement that is clean and pure there is no reason for the boys and girls of our Church to amuse themselves with that which is questionable. Always remember that your playmates should be fine spirited Christian boys and girls. Those with whom we play is just as important as what we play and how we are amused. Cultivate fine companions.

It is vastly important for me to be a Christian in my play and amusement because these are a part of my life, and they must radiate my inner self. Let us always play even as we grow older. Keep on playing. Never stop for age. But let us all play and amuse ourselves the Christ way. It's the most fun, and always the best way.

October 31, 1926

EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF LUTHER

(Reformation Topic)

(*Rev. Mr. Arthur T. Michler*)

John 2:13-17

Leader—In the history of our Church, Reformation Day is always a very important one. Not only is it a festival occasion but also a season when we can learn more about those stirring times in the sixteenth century when Martin Luther dared to say and do such things which nearly cost him his life. We will therefore consider today the leading events in the life of Luther and in this we will have the cooperation of other members of the League.

First of all we will be told briefly about the early life of Luther. This will be presented by—

(Brief talk or essay on—Luther's Early Life.)

Leader—Now that we have heard about the early struggles of Luther, we will learn how he came to enter a Monastery and what experiences he had there. (Brief talk or essay on—Luther in the Monastery.)

Leader—A most important experience Luther had was his first visit to Rome. We will learn what the effect upon his life and thinking was. (Brief talk or essay on—Luther's Visit to Rome.)

Leader—The one act which Luther did and which led to the break from the Roman Church was the nailing of 95 sentences for discussion upon the Church Door in Wittenberg. We will hear about that great event. (Brief talk or essay on—Luther's 95 Theses.)

Leader—Of course when Luther taught so boldly against the errors in the Roman Church and emphasized the Bible as the only authority, he was bound to get into conflict with the Pope. We will now hear what the Pope did to Luther. (Brief talk or essay on—Luther Burns the Pope's Decree.)

Leader—The conflict became worse and worse. The Romanists wanted Luther destroyed. At last he was told to come to Worms for trial before the Church and the Empire. We will listen to this thrilling story of how Luther faced the whole world in defence of the truth. (Brief talk or essay on—Luther Stands Before the Church and the Empire.)

Leader—After the trial, Luther suddenly disappeared. What happened? We will be told by— (Brief talk or essay on—Luther in the Wartburg.)

Leader—Luther's teachings spread rapidly and by many were misunderstood. Among them were the Peasants who revolted. Let us learn how Luther treated them. (Brief talk or essay on—Luther and the Peasants.)

Leader—In the midst of all the trouble and uncertainty of the times, Luther had the comfort and joy of a lovely home. This, together with his many faithful friends, strengthened him for the arduous tasks before him. We will hear about Luther's home life. (Brief talk or essay on—Luther's Own Home.)

Leader—It will be interesting as well as helpful to us if we know something about Luther as a worker. We will hear something about Luther's Habits of Work. (Brief talk or essay on—Luther's Habits of Work.)

Summary by adult Leader or Superintendent on The Importance of the Rediscovery of the Bible; The Preparation of the Catechism; Luther as a Hymn Writer; or Some Christian Truths Preached by Luther. (Make a selection to meet conditions.)

THE PROGRAM

The idea underlying the presentation of this Topic is to have many of the members take part. This program can be made very instructive and interesting if prepared well in advance. This is a necessity. Select

suitable hymns. Have various members read the following scripture selections or use two or three and have them read responsively by the Leader and the League. Ps. 46; 48; John 2:13-17; Mark 11:15-18; Heb. 4:12-16; Acts 19:24-28. Have Ps. 46 recited from memory, also a stanza of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Prayer by member or members. Musical selections by members or others.

Use any good life of Luther and the Encyclopedia.

That's a HELP!

"WHICH ONE?"

Mr. John Kendrick Bangs relates in "From Pillar to Post" a very humorous example of a jest perpetrated at the expense of his good wife to whom he frequently referred as my "Only Muse," who accompanied him on most of his trips.

She was with me once in Iowa, he said, where we were stranded at a little railroad crossing for several hours. We took dinner at the hotel. One or two courtesies of the table started an acquaintance with two farmers, and naturally enough they asked me what my business was in the state.

"Oh, I am out here lecturing," I said.

"Well, we're farmers," said one of the men.

Now, the "Only Muse" takes a great interest in farming. She herself raises most of the vegetables that we consume at home. Therefore it happened that when my neighbor announced that he was a farmer, it was the best kind of opening for the conversational powers of the "Only Muse," and she made the most of it. She talked of apples, corn, cows and bees. She dilated eloquently upon the value of persistent cultivation; and as I sat listening admiringly to her evidently masterful handling of her subject, I suddenly became conscious of the old man's eye twinkling across the table at me, and then, as the "Only Muse" paused to catch her breath, he leaned forward and, with seemingly innocent curiosity, asked:

"Which one of ye does the lecturin'?"

Note: The editor's wife accompanied him on his round of summer schools the season of 1926 (and she doesn't use the same speech twice either).

Junior Department

"TAKE CARE OF THE JUNIORS AND THE SENIOR LEAGUE WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF"
A LETTER TO THE JUNIORS

(To be read at the first meeting in September)

DEAR JUNIORS:—

Back again to school! And back in Junior League again! Let's make this the best year ever in Junior League!

(1) Do you know what A. C. C. means? We asked this in a Senior convention some time ago. Just a few raised their hands. The other day we asked the same question at a Junior Rally and almost every hand went up!

Ask your Superintendent to tell you about Andhra Christian College. And if you have not yet helped to build "Junior League Room" in that college, plan at this first meeting some way to have a contribution to send in before December first.

(2) Do you like to read? Ask the Superintendent to tell you about the Junior Reading Course. If your Junior League does not have these six books, ask the Senior League to buy them for you. Or perhaps some of your fathers or mothers will each buy one book, so that you can have the whole set. Some cost seventy-five cents, some one dollar.

Then appoint a librarian or a Literature Secretary (that sounds bigger—just like the Senior League, doesn't it?), pass out the books, and have each Junior read them.

A banner will be given at our big convention in Salisbury, North Carolina, next summer, to the state Juniors having the largest percentage of Juniors reading all the books. The Ohio Juniors are hard at work. They want that banner! So do the Pittsburgh District Juniors! They are working hard. Who else wants it?

And each Junior who reads all six books will receive a fine certificate, signed by the General Secretary, and the Junior Secretary, all ready to frame.

(3) If you want to do something "very special" and can do it, work to have the Junior League take out a "Sustaining Membership." (Ask your Superintendent what that is.) Make your pastor, your Junior Superintendent or your Junior President a Sustaining Member of the Luther League of America. Five dollars will do this.

(4) Here is some work for you. The Junior Secretary wants some posters. And she wants the Juniors to make them!

At the end of October a copy of "Martin of Mansfeld" (a fine story about Martin Luther) will be given to the Junior who sends to the Junior Secretary the best poster or set of posters on Luther. You may use pictures of Luther, the Luther League colors, anything you think will make a good poster.

At the end of November a missionary book will be given for the best Thanksgiving poster, and on December 30 another book will be given for the best Christmas poster.

Now Juniors, all get busy! Get busy at once! The rules of this Poster Contest are quite easy. The posters may be any size. They may be of cardboard or paper. Neatness will be counted. The posters must be made by the Juniors themselves. The Superintendent may help with suggestions. The posters may announce a meeting, or may illustrate something learned in Junior League. They must be mailed to the Junior Secretary, 806 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa. The Luther posters must be sent before October 30. The Thanksgiving poster must be sent before November 30, and the Christmas poster before December 30.

The best of these will be exhibited at our convention in Salisbury.

(Lastly) the Junior Secretary is always glad to hear from the Juniors. Write to her telling her what you are doing in Junior League. Some time ago she received a letter from the First Junior League, Tyrone, Pa., signed by each member of the League. Her address is Miss Brenda L. Mehlhouse, 806 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Next month she will tell you all about the new work for 1927. Do you want to know what the Junior Topics will be all about? Wouldn't you like to hear about "Two Young Arabs"? Would you like to know some more interesting work to do next year? Then watch for the October letter!

Let's make this the biggest and best year ever.

Sincerely,

BRENDA L. MEHLHOUSE,
Junior Secretary.

NOTES FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT

Did you see the picture in last month's REVIEW of our newest Junior League in Porto Rico—Divino Salvador, Catano? This month we are glad to report two new Leagues in Nova Scotia—(217) St. Mark's, Middle LaHave,, Nova Scotia, and (218) St. John's, Feltzen South, Nova Scotia. The Junior League knows no bounds! Who can guess where the next Junior League will be?

THE JUNIOR SECRETARY ON HER TRIP TO NOVA SCOTIA. SHE WAS NOT CATCHING FISH — BUT OUT RATHER FOR THE JUNIORS.

We most heartily welcome these Nova Scotia Juniors into our family.

Junior League 216, St. Paul's, Port Carbon, Pa., is another newly enrolled society. League 106 here became so large that it had to be divided. 12 were promoted with diplomas and graduation exercises into an Intermediate League, and the others divided into boys' and girls' Junior Leagues. They have purchased the Reading Course, contributed five dollars to Andhra Junior Fund, and taken out a Sustaining Membership. This is the way Junior work grows!

September is *the* month to organize new Junior Leagues. Will each local, district and state Junior Secretary help us to reach the mark of 200 new Leagues which we have set? Each League as it is organized should report to the office.

They will then receive a certificate showing that they belong to the Luther League of America.

Good News! Our A. C. C. Fund is *oversubscribed.* ("It's a great thing to be a Luther Leaguer."—Dittmer.) We last reported $413.65. We now have $518.15, the following having reported since last month:

Trinity, McKeesport, Pa.	$ 5.00
St. Paul's, Port Carbon, Pa.	3.00
Grace, Royersford, Pa.	3.00
Christ, York, Pa.	10.00
Holy Trinity, Camden, N. J.	5.00
Holy Trinity, Muncie, Ind.	5.00
St. John's, Elkhorn, Wisc.	3.00
First, Butler, Pa.	6.00
Trinity, German, N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.	5.00
Junior Branch No. 5, Pittsburgh, Pa.	18.00
Redeemer, Monaca, Pa.	10.00

More good news! We have a good list of Sustaining Memberships to report from the Juniors this month. The following Junior Leagues report taking out a Sustaining Membership:

Memorial, Harrisburg, Pa.
Salem, Bethlehem, Pa.
Redeemer, Monaca, Pa.
Apostles, Philadelphia, Pa.
Epiphany, Camden, N. J.
St. Paul's, Port Carbon, Pa.
First, Greensburg, Pa.
Christ, York, Pa.

That makes 42 taken out since January first. Let us keep up this good work.

More statistical blanks have come in and we have awarded certificates as follows:

BLACK STAR JUNIOR LEAGUES
St. Joseph's, Allentown, Pa.
First, Vandergrift, Pa.
First, Greensburg, Pa.
Grace, Royersford, Pa.
St. Peter's, Evans City, Pa.
St. John's, Wilkes-Barre. Pa.
St. John's, Johnsonburg, Pa.
Holy Trinity, Muncie, Ind.
St. Paul's, Chicago, Ill.
St. John's, Salisbury, N. C.

RED STAR JUNIOR LEAGUES
Glenwood, Toledo, Ohio.
First, Mansfield, Ohio
Holy Trinity, Salem, Ohio
Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands
Christ, Lawrence Park, Erie, Pa.

WHITE STAR JUNIOR LEAGUES
St. Paul's, Port Carbon, Pa. (boys)

BLUE STAR JUNIOR LEAGUES
Christ, York, Pa.

We are well pleased with the work done this last year. Many were *almost* on this list of honor, and we feel sure they will be next year. We are particularly pleased at the work done by the new Leagues just organized this year. Most of their reports were splendid and we are sure they will be on the Honor Roll next year.

Begin right now to work for a Gold Star for 1926-1927. The record of work for this one year was almost as good and the amount of money contributed for benevolence, etc., by the Juniors almost equalled the two years' work which was reported for the Junior Department at Milwaukee. Help make the Junior report fine at the Salisbury convention!

Lest you forget, here are the twelve points which make our Junior Standard. Plan to comply with each one before June, 1927:

1. Use of Junior Topics
2. Use of Junior Program Packet
3. Officers and committees appointed from Juniors
4. Juniors themselves taking part in meetings
5. One public meeting a year by the Juniors
6. Something for others—work or contribution for foreign, home or inner missions
7. Joint meeting with the Senior or Intermediate League
8. Promotion Exercise into Intermediate or Senior League
9. Juniors at rallies or conventions
10. Contribution to special Junior Objective
11. Junior Reading Course purchased and circulated
12. $5 Sustaining Membership taken out.

An Honor Roll will be unveiled at Salisbury with the names of all the Gold Star Junior Leagues for 1926-1927. How many names will be on it? Will yours?

The new Program Packet for the last half of the year is ready. You will need it for your work for the balance of the year. It contains some leaflets already used, and some new ones. Among these new ones are a Christmas Pageant, and another pageant on the Church Seasons. Get this packet. It sells for forty cents and should be ordered from the office.

What has the Junior Secretary been doing all summer? Lest some might think she has been sitting about idly, we relate:

At the Michigan Synod Summer School held at Lake Wawasee, Indiana, she had charge of a lively group of thirty Juniors. This was a fine group. They met every morning from ten to twelve, with this daily program: Worship period, mission study period, Bible drill, recreation and games. Bible story period, hand-work, closing. "Two Young Arabs" was studied.

The Juniors had charge of one of the Sunset Services as well. Six Juniors in costume told what they learn in Junior League of the Bible, Missions, the Church, Luther and the League. The 23rd Psalm was repeated, the story of the Good Samaritan acted out, the story of Joseph told by a Junior, a chapter of the Junior study book reviewed, an exercise, "Luther's Coat of Arms" given, and the service closed by the singing of the Junior Rally Hymn. Every one was impressed.

The Junior Secretary also helped in the Primary Department of the Sunday School here.

At Lakeside, Ohio, she dropped in at the assembly of our friends of the Joint Synod of Ohio, and spoke to one of their groups. At the Luther League convention held in connection with our Summer School, she presented the program of the Junior League.

Dropping in at one session of the Summer School of Thiel College she brought greetings, and assisted in the Junior Department of Holy Trinity Church, Greenville, Pa., on Sunday morning.

Now, when this is written—August first, —she is preparing to leave for the Hartwick Seminary Assembly, where she will have ten periods on work with the children.

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October 3, 1926

MISSIONARY TOPIC
FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS AND WORLD PEACE

(Mrs. E. C. Cronk)

The missionary topics from July to December are based on the book "Better Americans No. III," by Herbert Wright Gates, price 75 cents, cloth binding only. It contains story materials for every chapter, with full suggestions for program.

The September lesson is based on chapters eight and nine. The idea of world peace

follows very naturally friendly relationships and neighbors. Flags of various nations may be displayed.

Aim—To help the boys and girls appreciate more thoughtfully and fully the value of neighborly friendship between individuals and nations and the better way of preventing disputes through justice and good-will or of settling difficulties that may arise through mutual consideration and friendliness. Also to deepen this impression by showing the evils of war and its inhumane and un-Christian nature and to enlist each boy and girl in showing neighborliness.

1. Hymn. (See words page 90. Sing to any familiar tune.)
2. Approach to the lesson (page 90).
3. Bible lesson, The Good Samaritan. The story may be read from the Bible, or told from the book (pages 90-93) or dramatized by the boys and girls.
4. Prayer.
5. Discussion bringing out the fact that Jesus taught that being a good neighbor was one way of showing love to God.
6. Story—"Milly Masters' Sister," followed by discussion, leading up to the thought that as families are neighbors so are nations, and bringing out causes of war (page 101).
7. Story "Playing the Game" (page 102) followed by discussion.
8. Prayer for peace.

Full suggestions will be found in the book. Those given here suggest how the two programs may be combined: If simpler story material is desired, order the leaflet "Two Little Girls and a Doll," price 2 cents; a simple play emphasizing neighborliness to those who come to America from other lands is "Visitors from Ellis Island," price 5 cents. Leaders should use every opportunity to emphasize the work of our own Church. The community houses, the Martin Lutheran Neighborhood House in the Italian section of Philadelphia, and other Inner Missions enterprises should be discussed.

Leaders who are looking ahead will be glad to know that the new Junior book for study beginning with January is "Two Young Arabs," price 50 cents, paper binding, 75 cents cloth.

October 10, 1926

FOUR MEN WHO CARRIED THE TORCH

Matt. 4:18-22

Hymn.

Memory Verse—Matt. 4:18-22.

Bible Readings—To be given by six Juniors:

John's Torch.—John 1:6-9.
Paul's Torch.—Acts 26:17, 18.
Many Torchbearers.—Acts 8:4.
Peter Lights a Torch.—Acts 10:44-48.
Making New Torchbearers.—Acts 16:32-34.
The Torch in Rome.—Acts 28:23.

Leader—We have learned how God gave His great Promise to Abraham, and how the Torch of God's Word and Truth was carried down through the ages. In our Torchbearer lessons we have seen how Jesus came to be "The Light of the World," that all men might have that Truth and that Word. Today we are going to hear of some great torchbearers to whom Jesus gave His work when He returned to Heaven.

Junior (Reading Matt. 4:18-22)—We have first of all the story of Jesus calling some of His friends who were to help Him. He was walking down by the sea of Galilee one day when He saw some men—Simon and his brother Andrew, and James and John—and He said to them "follow Me." And they left their fishing and followed Him.

Jesus had work for them to do. They helped Him while He was here on earth, and when He returned to Heaven, they carried on His work. To them He gave His last command—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Just as Jesus needed helpers then, He needs them today, and though we cannot see Him and cannot hear His voice, He calls us, just as He did Simon and Andrew and James and John. We can all do His work. Are we as ready to follow Him as these men? When we are asked to do something in Junior League, take some part, are we as ready as they were?

God does not want or need just those who can do especially hard things. Today it isn't just those who know how to do some very hard things that are needed for His work. It is the common, ordinary boys and girls in Junior League who are learning to work for Him whom He wants for ministers, and deaconesses and missionaries, and it is just the boys and girls of today who will be the Church tomorrow. Let us all be His Torchbearers.

Junior—The next great Torchbearer we will hear about today is Paul. (Reads Acts 26:17,18). Paul did not want to be a Torchbearer. He hated all the followers of Jesus Christ and persecuted them whenever he could. But God opened his eyes and changed his heart, so that just as hard as he had worked against Him before, just so much harder did he work for Him now. We read that he burned with zeal to do His work. He went about preaching and teaching, turning the people from darkness to light, and freeing them from the power of Satan, turning them to the true God. God needs some Pauls today, who will be eager and anxious to go about doing His work, brave, not fearing any danger, ready to help others to find Him.

Junior—Another Bible story tells us of many Torchbearers. It was shortly after

Jesus had gone back to Heaven and the disciples had just started the new Church. (Reads Acts 8:4.) There were few followers and the Church was weak. The enemies of the church of Jesus began to make trouble. They tried to stop the meetings. They put to death some of those who preached about Jesus. Many were thrown into prison. The band of followers of Jesus were scattered.

But did they stop preaching and teaching about Jesus? Our story tells us they were true Torchbearers. Even though they were scattered about, the Bible tells us "they went everywhere preaching the Word." That is the kind of Torchbearers boys and girls can grow up to be—not afraid to stand for Jesus and speak of Him even in time of danger and persecution.

Junior—Peter is another Torchbearer. (Reads Acts 10:44-48.) This story tells us of a great sermon and its result. Peter the disciple who was always wanting to do things for Jesus was called by Cornelius down to Caesarea to preach to the people. The enemies of the Church were many and those who were followers of Jesus had to suffer many things and often met death. But Peter was not afraid. He preached to the people and that day a great number believed and were baptized.

Junior—Another story tells us about some new Torchbearers. (Reads Acts 16:32-34.) It is a story of Paul again, brave and not afraid. This time he is in prison. There certainly was not any chance to work for the Lord there! But Paul found a chance. He preached to the jailer. And the jailer believed and he and all his family were baptized. They then went out and told others. Even in prison the Torch was held high.

Junior—The last story tells us about the Torch in Rome. (Reads Acts 28:23.) Paul was carried a prisoner to Rome, but even though a prisoner, he kept on preaching and teaching, and he baptized many people in that city who believed in God. No matter where one is, one can always work for Him.

Leader—Let the stories of these Torchbearers help us to do His work also, and be His followers.

Hymn.

Prayer—Have Juniors give sentence prayers that they may help in His Work.

Lord's Prayer.

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October 17, 1926

STORY BOOKS I LIKE BEST

Prov. 2-10, 8:10,11
(Book Meeting)

(Ask the Juniors the week before this meeting to select the book they like best. Make a poster to illustrate each book of the Junior Reading Course and display at this meeting. Print the title in large letters and add some attractive and appropriate picture cut from a magazine.)

The Topic

Hymn.

Memory Verses—Prov. 2:10; 8:10, 11.

Leader—Today we are to hear about story books. We all like to read. The most wonderful Story Book in all the world is the Bible. It is really 66 books in one. It contains all kinds of stories; stories of kings and queens, miracles, giants, soldiers, besides the Greatest Story of all—the story of Jesus. We shall now hear several of these Bible stories.

Some Bible Stories I Like Best—By five Juniors:

The Prodigal's Story.—Luke 15:11-13.
The Story of Joseph.—Gen. 37:3-8.
David and Goliath.—1 Samuel 17:32-37.
Story of Esther.—Esther 2:5-11.
Moses.—Exodus 2:1-45.

(Assign these to five Juniors the week before, and have the Juniors tell the stories in their own words in the meeting.)

Leader—We all have our favorite books. There are our A B C books and our first picture books. Then there are fairy tales. There are our schoolbooks—are they among our favorites? There are stories of adventure and history stories, and books of short stories. There are stories of mission lands. There are poems. Let us hear from each Junior, let each one tell what his favorite book is.

Roll Call—Each Junior responding with the name of the book he likes best.

Superintendent — As Junior Leaguers there are six books we should read. (If you do not have these books for use in the Junior League, ask the Senior League to purchase them for the Juniors. The price is $5.65.) These books are called the Junior Reading Course.

Each Junior who reads the six books will receive a Reading Course Certificate from League Headquarters. And each League which has all of its members reading the books will be awarded a picture. Do we want to receive one?

The State League which has the largest number of its Juniors reading these books will receive a banner at the next convention. Shall we help our State win this?

Six of the Juniors will tell us about these books.

Junior (bearing a placard with title *"Brave Adventurers"*)—This is a book of stories about Prayer and Missions. It tells us about some prayers that were answered and some that were not. It tells us how God answers our prayers sometimes in a way different from what we expect. It gives us the stories of some brave adventurers who helped preach the Gospel in far-off places. "The Boat That Waited," "The Count Who Wrote Letters to Jesus," "Digging for an Answer," "The House That Was Built From a Bed," are the titles of some of the stories. (Some of these stories have

been used at the regular missionary meetings. Have one retold at this point.)

Junior (with placard *"The Land of the Golden Man"*)—This is a book of true stories about the people of South America. If you like stories about North American Indians, you will enjoy even more stories of the Indians of South America. There are no tales of a golden kingdom in North America like those of the Kingdom of the Golden Man and of the Wonderful Inca empire of Peru in South America; and we have no Indian hero as great as Tupac Amaru, about whom this book tells us. General San Martin was a splendid hero of the white race in South America, and Captain Allen F. Gardiner I am sure you will think one of the noblest missionary heroes about whom you have ever heard.

After you have read these stories you will know something of the interesting history of the big America south of us, and something about the boys and girls who live there; how much they help us, and how much we may help them."—*Ferris.*

Junior (with placard *"Hymns Every Child Should Know"*)—How many of us know anything about the hymns we sing? This little book gives us the story of some of our greatest hymns. There are stories of almost a hundred hymns given, telling when the hymn was written, the writer and something of the reason why it was written.

Junior (with placard *"Broad Stripes and Bright Stars"*)—This is a book of stories of American history. The titles of the stories will tell us how interesting it is—"Pilgrims for Freedom," "At the Gate of Old Harvard," "Ringing in the Fourth of July," "Keeping Christmas with General Washington," "In the Wake of the First Steamboat," "A Slave Among Slaves," "Uncle Sam's Birthday Party," "A Proclamation." We will all want to read this book.

Junior (with placard *"The Little Children's Bible"*)—This is a book of Bible stories, given just as they are found in the Bible. They are planned to be read to the smaller boys and girls, and read by us older Juniors. It is a Bible we can use as our "very own."

Junior (bearing placard *"Jack-in-the-Pulpit"*)—This book is a series of sermons preached—not by a minister, but by a ball of twine, a jackknife, a pencil, a pen, and other everyday objects. Each has its little lesson to teach. There are 51 stories, so short, and so interesting that one can read the book in no time.

Superintendent—I am sure we want to read these books, now we have heard about them. (Make some plans for circulating them in the League.)

Discussion—What "Better Books" can we read? How can we start a Junior League library? How shall we enter the National Reading Contest?

Closing—Hymn, Sentence Prayers, Lord's Prayer.

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October 24, 1926

GUARDING OUR TONGUES

Psalm 141:3; Jas. 3:2-5

Hymn.

Scripture Story—Jas. 3:2-5, read by Junior.

Memory Verse—Psalm 141:3.

Leader—Our tongues are our most unruly members, the Bible tells us. They are always getting us into trouble.

Some of us talk too much. Some of us always say the wrong thing or never say the right thing at the right time. Some of us like to tell tales and talk about others. Some of us like to brag. Some of us get angry and say things we are sorry for afterward. It is so easy to do these things.

The Bible tells us that a horse has to have a bit put into his mouth—or he would cause trouble. He then becomes our servant. It goes on to say that in the same way we must put a bridle on our tongues (that is "hold them back") so that we know just what we are saying.

It also tells us that a ship is tossed hither and thither on the sea, but is guided in its course by a very little thing—the helm. Just so, our tongues are but little, but they guide and direct our ways in more ways than one.

A little fire if seen at once is soon put out, but how great a fire it becomes if it is let go. So our tongues are a fire. If we let them go along without checking them they cause all sorts of trouble.

So we see how important our tongues are. Let us hear how we should guard our words.

Junior (reads Prov. 10:18)—We must watch our tongues that we do not repeat stories we do not know are true. It is so easy to say something about some one which we have heard some one else say. And how such a story grows! Did you ever play the game where all sit in a circle and the first one whispers something to the one next to him, and he whispers what he thinks he heard to the next one—and so on until it goes round the whole circle? The last one then tells what he thought he heard. And it is quite different from what the first person really said, is it not? That is just like a story that goes round, it gets all turned about and made over by the time four or five Juniors have told it.

Junior—It is easy for our tongues to tell falsehoods. We don't really mean to tell stories or lie about any one—but sometimes we do. Even Jesus was lied about. (Matt. 11:19.) When He visited with publicans and sinners whom He had come to save,

the Jews said, "he is a gluttonous man and a wine-bibber." And let us remember there are "white" lies and "black" lies, but they are all lies. When we say things which are not true we cannot excuse ourselves by saying, "I thought it was so."

Junior—Some of us like to boast and say what the Bible calls "idle words." We like to "brag" of the fine things we have, what fine clothes or homes we have, what fine times we always have, etc. Sometimes we say more than is really true.

In Matt. 12:36, 37 we read, "every idle word that men shall speak they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

In an old reading book there is a story of a little girl who had this bad habit. An old wizard to cure her gave her a wonderful necklace. When she was telling the truth and guarding her tongue in every way the necklace hung beautifully around her neck. But—when she exaggerated, or spoke idle words, saying more than was really so, the necklace grew longer and longer until it reached the floor. And then everybody knew that she was "stretching the truth." And when she told a falsehood, the necklace grew so tight about her neck that it almost choked her!

I wonder if we had to wear a necklace like that just what it would look like! Do we always guard our tongues against idle words?

Junior—Many of us murmur and complain at times because we can't have something we want, or because we do not like what we have. Or perhaps we want what some one else has instead.

The Children of Israel murmured against Moses when they were about to cross the Red Sea. They saw the soldiers of Pharaoh behind them and the sea before them and they were afraid. (Reads Exodus 14:11, 12.) But God took them safely across and the Egyptians were destroyed.

Let us guard our tongues against mumuring.

Leader—I am sure we are going to be careful how we use our tongues from now on.

Prayer Service—In charge of Vice-President.

V.-P.—When we are tempted, Lord, to talk about another,

All (in concert)—"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

V.-P.—Dear Lord, when we are about to boast and brag about what we have

All—"Set a Watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

V.-P.—When we are about to repeat something we have heard which we do not know is true.

October 31, 1926

(Reformation)

THE MONK OF WITTENBERG

(May be substituted for Missionary Topic)
Heb. 10:38

(Make this a program meeting—have a public meeting, and invite the congregation.)

Let the boys carry shields made of dark blue or black cardboard with white lettering, or of white cardboard with blue or black lettering, bearing the words "Luther At Worms," "The Monk of Wittenberg," "The Open Bible," "Reformation." The girls may wear scarfs of tarlatan or cheesecloth with similar lettering.

Decorate the room with charts and mottoes made by the Juniors. Here are some that may be used:

"Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen"—*Luther.*

"Unless I am convinced by the word of God Himself, by which alone my conscience is bound, I neither can nor will recant anything."—*Luther.*

"It is neither right nor safe for a Christian to speak against his conscience."—*Luther.*

"My conscience is bound to the Bible."—*Luther.*

"I will not flee, much less will I recant."—*Luther.*

"I fight not for myself, but for the honor of Christ."—*Luther.*

Other wall decorations may be made with draperies or hangings of the Luther colors—black, red, white, blue and gold—the Luther coat of arms, pennants, etc.

PROGRAM

Hymn—The Church's One Foundation.

Prayer.

Luther's Cradle Song—Away in a Manger, by group of tiniest Juniors.

46th Psalm—Repeat in concert.

Unveiling of Luther's Picture—Get a picture of Luther, cover it with a Christian flag, and draperies of the Luther Colors. Have two of the boys carrying shields stand on either side, and while the draperies are drawn back, a Junior tells a few facts concerning Luther.

Story of Luther—Have one of the Juniors prepare a short story of Luther—to be read at this meeting. "Martin of Mansfeld" will give plenty of material.

One Verse—A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.

Prayer.

Hymn—Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word.

(Post Cards to distribute at this meeting—with Luther's picture and some facts concerning Luther on the reverse side—may be obtained from the United Lutheran Publication House, 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa., for twenty cents a dozen.)

Conventions

So This Is Indiana!

"Min" says they are "peppy." She should know!

"IND-KY-TENN" CONVENTION

(Cordelia S. Nickel)

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the Luther League of the Indiana Synod was held June 23-25 in Holy Trinity Church, Muncie, Indiana. Rev. Mr. J. S. Albert, pastor.

The credential committee reported 112 in attendance which included delegates, visitors and pastors. This was an increase over last year's attendance.

Rev. Mr. W. E. Clawson, President of Weidner Institute was chosen as the Convention Chaplain.

We are happy to announce that six new leagues have been added to our number.

Christ's Church, Evansville, Ind.
St. Mark's Church, Y. P. A., Indianapolis, Ind.
Trinity Church, Louisville, Ky.
St. Paul's Church, Nashville, Tenn.
First Church, Middletown, Ind.
Second Church, Richmond, Ind.

The following resolutions were adopted:

We, the members of the Luther League of Indiana Synod, in annual convention assembled do hereby resolve:

1. That we express our devout thanks to our Heavenly Father, whose Providence has kept and prospered us during the past year, and has again brought us together in this fellowship.

2. That we express our sincere thanks to the Pastor, Congregation and Luther League of Holy Trinity Church for their kind hospitality; to the Ladies Aid for their bountiful provisions; to the organist, and others who contributed special music; to all who have helped make our stay so profitable and pleasant.

3. That we extend our sincere thanks to the executive committee of the Luther League of America for their friendly counsel and help to us, and especially to their official representative to this convention, Mrs. S. T. Peterson.

4. That we express our appreciation to our President, the Rev. Mr. J. S. Albert, for his splendid guidance and work of the four years past.

5. That we express our appreciation of the five years' faithful work as Corresponding Secretary of Miss Marjorie Hagemeyer.

6. That we accept the kindly greetings of the Illinois Luther League and reciprocate them most cordially.

7. That we rejoice in the growing number of our Leagues and welcome most heartily into our midst those of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Middletown, Christ Ev. Lutheran Church of Evansville, Trinity Lutheran Church of Louisville, St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Nashville, and the Second English Lutheran Church of Richmond, and the Young People's Association of St. Mark's, Indianapolis.

8. That we endeavor at once to raise such additional sums as are necessary to complete our quota of $600 to Andhra Christian College. (Note: The sum of $142 was pledged before the formal adoption of this resolution, oversubscribing the quota.)

9. That we make for our special object for the year 1926-27 our new missions in Memphis and Newcastle and endeavor in this time to raise $500 toward this end.

10. That our local Leagues be urged to an even greater support of the LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW and of the Sustaining Membership Fund.

11. That we make arrangements to have the minutes of our conventions printed with those of the Indiana Synod and of the Brotherhood and Women's Missionary Society of Indiana Synod.

The redistricting committee gave the following report:

1.—*Central District*
Indianapolis, First, St. Marks, Gethsemane.
Columbus.

2.—*North East District*
Muncie.
Anderson.
Middletown.

3.—*South East District*
Batesville.
Brookville.

4.—*North West District*
Otterbein.
Mulberry.
Lafayette.

5.—*South West District*
Evansville.
Paducah.

6.—*Louisville District*
Louisville, First Church, Second Church, Third Church, Grace Church, Memorial Church, St. Mark's Church, Bethany Church, Calvary Church, Trinity Church.
Corydon, Ind.

7.—*Southern District*
Nashville, Tenn., First, St. Paul's.

8.—*Richmond District*
Richmond, (Second Church).
Lyonsville.

It is hoped that by this new arrangement the Louisville District will not stand alone in reporting

fine district rallies. Look out for competition, Louisville!

The following officers were chosen for the coming year:

President—Rev. Mr. J. S. Albert, Muncie, Ind.
Vice-President—Lillian Kemner, Lafayette, Ind.
Recording Secretary—Cordelia Nickel, Batesville, Ind.
Corresponding Secretary—Florence Butler, Muncie, Ind.
Treasurer—Mrs. O. C. C. Fetta, Indianapolis, Ind.
Executive Committee Members—Herman Fruchtenicht and George Phillips, both of Louisville, Ky.

The Treasurer's report for the year past was as follows:

Receipts	$865 49
Expenses	806.58
Balance	$ 58.91

The following were appointed to the standing committee for the year:

Extension Com. Sec.—Aurine Davis, Indianapolis, Ind.
Pres. Com. Sec.—Albert Burger, Corydon, Ind.
Junior Work Sec.—Harriet Mulholland, Muncie, Ind.
Intermediate Work Sec.—Emma Wetzel, Anderson, Ind.
Education Sec.—Graham Kleespie, Nashville, Tenn.
Missionary Sec.—Fannie Geisler, Indianapolis, Ind.
Life Service Sec.—Mae Childers, Louisville, Ky.

St. Mark's, Indianapolis, reported four lively leagues, Junior, Intermediate, Young People's Association and Senior. That's fine! We hope more Junior and Intermediate Leagues will be organized this coming year.

The sustaining membership fund was stressed at our convention. Results—$20 and our esteemed Pres. Albert a Sustaining Member.

Everyone welcomed Mrs. S. T. Peterson, recording secretary of the Luther League of America, with her smile, her enthusiasm and fine, practical suggestions for League work. She led in several helpful discussions on "Training Leaders" and "Luther League Plans and Methods."

We were privileged to have Rev. Mr. G. C. Leonard now of Nashville, Tenn., with us. He gave an interesting exhibition address on "Work in Africa."

Muncie showed us that besides being League boosters and fine entertainers they were also good ball-players. Our president disguised in the baseball suit helped to win the victory by stealing second, third and home.

A crowning event of the convention was the banquet held the last evening at the Elks' Club. Rev. Mr. F. W. Otterbein, Chicago, Ill., was the speaker of the evening. We note several worth while points he made: practical self-denial regarding your time; be enthusiastic for the cause of Jesus Christ; manifest a spirit of humbleness; have a vision of the work; advertise the church. Several fine musical selections, peppy songs and lots of enthusiasm contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

After the singing of the last song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," Rev. Mr. Clawson, the chaplain, dismissed the convention with prayer. Everyone tarried though as if reluctant to leave. But we are looking forward to another fine convention next year. Where?—O that's still a secret of the executive committee, but you will know in due time.

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Agnes Miller

Corresponding Secretary

June 6th, 1926, will go down in the history of the State Luther League of the Texas Synod as one of the greatest conventions we have ever had. The enthusiasm manifested by those in attendance, their willingness to serve, together with the spirit which prompted them to attend, are all indicative of the fact that the young people of Texas are alive to their duty and obligations and are striving to translate into accomplishment the objective embodied in our motto: "Of the Church. By the Church. For the Church."

The convention assembled in St. Luke's Church, Schroeder, the Rev. Mr. E. Rowaldt, pastor. Too much cannot be said of the hospitality of the pastor, his wife, and the Schroeder and Kilgore congregations.

The morning session opened with the devotional services conducted by the Rev. Mr. E. Rowaldt, pastor loci. A real strength was added to our session as we listened to the many beautiful and inspiring thoughts which radiated from the address delivered by the Rev. Mr. M. A. Ritzen, of Victoria. The Schroeder and Kilgore choirs added much to the services.

The convention was called to order by our president, Mr. W. F. Hofmann, of Victoria. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. J. T. Gillison of San Antonio, and the singing of the Rally Song by the convention were followed by an address of welcome on behalf of the Schroeder and Kilgore Leagues by Miss Cora Angerstein and a response by Miss Marie Tomforde of Yoakum.

We were indeed very happy to note every officer, every member of all committees, every delegate, and with one exception where distance interfered, the pastor of every League, were present.

Lancaster, Pa., in a recent report stated that their League surely had the Andhra fever. It must be contagious, for I have discovered the members of the Texas Leagues have a very serious case. In addition to pledging their quota they have adopted for the special objective the supplying of our Field Missionary with such literature as he may need in his work and the support of the Texas Educational Missionary Fund. It was also voted that we go on record as sponsoring the entering of boys into the ministry and endorsing the boys' encampment.

After a delightful noon meal served in the Parish Hall by the Schroeder and Kilgore Leagues, the convention opened its second session with a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Paul Kuehner and the singing of the convention hymn, "Trusting in Thee, in Thee Alone," a hymn written for the Columbia District Luther League by Mr. W. E. Salzmann, formerly president of the Columbia District League.

It was our pleasure to have present to address us in his usual eloquent manner, the Rev. Mr. J. T. Gillison of San Antonio, Field Missionary of Texas. The San Antonio congregation which was recently organized but has no League as yet, was represented by five of their members. Mrs. Anna Mae Bennetzen brought greetings to the convention from the congregation.

We were very happy to officially accept the Tivoli League as a member of the State League.

The activity reports of the different Leagues gave many varied and interesting ideas and suggestions.

A splendid report of the Shiner Junior League was given by one of the Juniors, Hertha Liebhafsky.

At this session the banner was again presented to the Swiss Alps League for the highest percentage of Daily Bible Readers.

An inspirational address was made by Mr. Joe Dannen, an earnest, consecrated layman of the Cuero congregation.

The convention received an invitation from St. Mark's Luther League of Cuero to hold the next annual convention at that place. The invitation was heartily accepted.

The following officers and members of the executive board were elected: Mr. W. F. Hofmann, Victoria, president; Mr. August Meister, Yoakum, vice-president; Miss Ernestine Mergenthaler, Shiner, recording secretary; Miss Agnes Miller, Victoria, corresponding secretary; Mr. L. A. Bressel, Yoakum, treasurer; Miss Lillie Boehl, Cuero and Mr. A. G. Schroeder, Victoria, to serve on the executive committee.

The formal closing of the convention, at the evening services was graced with a sermon by the Rev. Mr. F. F. Eberhardt of Cuero, president of the Texas Synod, who most eloquently showed the wonderful heritage of the Luther Leaguers. The officers of the ensuing year were also installed at this service by the Rev. Mr. Eberhardt.

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THINK, THEN SPEAK

He: "Look, there goes Ryan, our fullback. He is going to be our best man next year."

She: "Oh, Roy, this is so sudden."

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AWFUL!

"I found a button in my salad."

"Came off in the dressing, I suppose."—*Pelican.*

MY LUTHER LEAGUE

Tune of "My Maryland"

Paul Brindle
Vice-President Maryland League

The Lutheran youth are hard at work,
Luther League, my Luther League!
Our many tasks we will not shirk,
Luther League, my Luther League!
We'll work away with right good cheer;
With ne'er a doubt, nor ne'er a fear;
And all to do the Master's will,
Luther League, my Luther League!

Our Martin Luther led the way,
Luther League, my Luther League!
He broke the fetters of his day,
Luther League, my Luther League!
The Muhlenbergs played their part, too,
And other followers not a few;
There's still a task for us to do,
Luther League, my Luther League!

Our praise and gifts we'll always bring,
Luther League, my Luther League!
Our mothers' faith to it we'll cling,
Luther League, my Luther League!
In Church or home, in school or play,
Our trust in God we'll not betray,
And live for Him through every day,
Luther League, my Luther League!

THE LUTHER LEAGUE OF THE MARYLAND SYNOD

Virgil Doub
Past President Maryland League

The fifth annual convention of the Luther League of the Maryland Synod was held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Smithsburg, Md. Rev. Mr. Ferdinand Hesse, pastor, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 20 and 21. In spite of the extremely hot weather, 72 delegates, representing 31 local, and 2 district Leagues, and about 60 visitors were in attendance. Reports of officers and standing committees revealed much activity and substantial progress during the past year. It was announced that the first real achievement since the Synodical League's organization, had been realized in the fact that its quota of $1200 on the Andhra Christian College Administration Building Fund had been paid in full; and that the Maryland Synod League had won sixth place on the Honor Roll of the Luther League of America, in recognition of this accomplishment.

The convention theme, "The Master's Call," was the subject of the keynote address at the opening session, by Rev. Mr. W. C. Waltemyer, pastor of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D. C. The convention banquet on Tuesday evening was an occasion for much fun and merriment, the Baltimore and Washington, D. C., delegates vying with each other in songs, yells, and other youthful outbursts. The after-dinner program was in charge of the Rev. Mr. John C. Bowers, D.D., of Catonsville, Md., who presented, as the first speaker of the evening, the Rev. Mr. J. E. Byers, D.D., pastor of Grace Church, Baltimore, and President of the Maryland Synod. The other speaker was Mr. M. Haller Frey, of York, Pa., executive secretary of the Luther League of the State of Pennsylvania. Both of these after-dinner speakers brought stirring and timely messages.

Very practical and helpful conferences were conducted by Miss Olga C. Linsenmyer, of Christ Church, Baltimore, on the subject "The Ideal Missionary Program for a Local League," and by Mr. Paul L. Brindle, of Washington, D. C, on the subject, "What Constitutes a Successful Social." "The Budget: Its Purpose, Use, and Results," was the subject of a third very interesting and profitable discussion.

Fraternal greetings were brought by Mr. Frey from Pennsylvania State League, by Mr. C. C. Dittmer from New York State League, by telegram from Pres. Hamer of the Virginia Synod League, and by letter from General Secretary, Rev. Mr. Amos J. Traver. Rev. Mr. Robert J. Wolf, Intermediate Secretary of the Luther League of America was the official representative of that body and addressed the convention on the work of his department. Mr. C. C. Dittmer, Treasurer of the Luther League of America, delivered his famous inspirational address, "Just Beyond the Horizon," and assisted in the program generally.

The program was decidedly the best ever put on. It was run according to the time schedule outlined. The delegates were unusually faithful and regular in their attendance. The conferences were exceedingly practical, the addresses were full of enthusiasm and inspiration and the large volume of business was transacted in order and with dispatch.

The next convention will be held in Baltimore by invitation from the Luther League of Grace Church, the Rev. Mr. J. E. Byers, D.D., pastor, and president of the Maryland Synod.

Officers elected for the coming year are:

President—Wm. F. Smith, Jr., Baltimore.

Vice-President—Paul L. Brindle, Washington, D. C.

Recording Secretary—Wallace Reindollar, Taneytown.

Corresponding Secretary—Austin M. Howard, Frederick.

Treasurer—Robert G. Blocher, Washingtn, D. C.

Executive Committee—2 years, Virgil W. Doub, Middletown; 1 year, Miss Mabel G. Smith, Smithsburg.

THE WASHINGTON GANG AT SMITHSBURG. HOW DID C. C. D. AND "BOB" WOLF GET IN SUCH COMPANY?

MINNESOTA

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Luther League of Minnesota and Superior Wis., was held at Salem Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn., June 20, 21, 22, 1926, the Rev. Mr. E. F. Marker, pastor.

The convention was marked by very much enthusiasm and interest, Luther Leaguers taking an equal part with the ministers in the discussion. The convention theme was "Forward." This was an ideal theme, for the State League has done exceptional work in recent years, and is planning on doing "big things" in the years to come. Among the recent achievements was the oversubscribing of the oversubscription goal for Andhra Christian College. The quota set by the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America was $450. At the 1925 State Convention, however, it was decided to raise this quota to $500. At this convention the treasurer reported that $622.10 had been sent to the National Treasurer for the erection of Luther League Hall.

Another accomplishment of the State League was the raising of a $1000 for the support of a traveling missionary in northern Minnesota. The treasurer reported that only $739.43 had been raised to date for the $1000 project. As a result a resolution was passed reading thus: "That this convention rejoices that $739.43 is in the Northern Minnesota Missionary Fund, and suggests that the resolution of last year to complete the $1000 aimed at be carried out here and now." The balance needed was pledged for quickly after the resolution was adopted. We expect to have the entire $1000 in the treasurer's hands soon in order that we may send the missionary to Northern Minnesota this year.

The following resolutions adopted testify that the State League is undertaking big enterprises and is backing the program of the Luther League of America:

"That the State League as a unit become a sustaining member of the Luther League of America to the extent of $50 annually and that the district and local Leagues, and individuals severally become sustaining members to the extent of at least $5; and that

LIKE THIS, THEY POSED

Minnesota leaders gathered at Salem, Minneapolis. Pick out President Larson at the General Secretary's right and the Peterson newlyweds at his left. Dr. Bieber shines from the center.

liberal minded persons be asked to subscribe larger amounts."

"That the State League pledge itself to pay annually the sum of $1000 towards the Northern Minnesota Missionary project."

"That we hold ourselves in readiness to fall in line with the action of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America, looking towards the apportioning of the territory of the National League into Regional Districts, and that we ask that Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa constitute such a district; and whenever a regional secretary is appointed we will share in the proportionate expense of his support."

"That the local Leagues avail themselves of all the helpful literature published by the Luther League of America, and circulate and follow out the Fifteen Points of Excellence."

The delegates rejoiced when the Life Service Secretary reported that seven young men from St. John's Church, Minneapolis, contemplated entering the ministry, and when she informed us that two young women from Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, and one from Stacy were planning to prepare for Mission work.

The following Leagues were received into membership: St. John's, Epiphany, and Resurrection of Minneapolis, and St. Paul's of Red Wing.

The convention sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. A. J. Traver, General Secretary of the Luther League of America, his subject being "The Marching Motive." He chose as his text the challenge which Christ made to Peter: "Wilt thou lay down thy life for Me?"

Three motives for Christian serving were discussed in the order of their least importance: (1) Joy, (2) Sight of Jesus, (3) For Jesus' sake. The last motive for Christian serving is the best and is the motto of the Mission Board of the U. L. C. A.

The convention chaplain, Rev. Mr. A. G. Riggle, delivered a series of inspiring and worthwhile devotional talks. His subjects included the following: "The Problem of Unity," in which he pointed out that "the church must have unity if it is going to accomplish anything"; "The Problem of the New Social Life," in which he attributed bad social conditions to the changed concept of a good time and to the fact that the foundations of the home are not stressed now as they were in the past; "The Problem of the New Business Life," in which he stated that "a new brand of honesty has been created as a result of war conditions and the waning religious spirit." In conclusion he said, "to transform the nation, we must live the honesty of Jesus Christ"; "The Problem of Unbelief." In this talk, he said that unbelief was one of the great problems of the Church and is found everywhere among all classes of people. He gave as our grounds for belief: (1) Personal experience and history, and (2) A knowledge of the work of the church.

Rev. Mr. C. L. Grant presided as toastmaster, Monday evening, at the largest banquet ever held by the State League, 162 leaguers being in attendance. Rev. Mr. B. E. Bergeson addressed the banquet on "The Kind of Young People Christ Can Use." The kind of people Christ can use are those: (1) who are natural, (2) who are consciously Christian, (3) who have courage to stand up for Jesus and confess Him, (4) who are willing to sacrifice and give up something, and (5) who are willing to give.

Rev. Mr. Traver in his address on "Fellowship," declared that "the greatest contribution to the U. L. C. A. by the Luther League of America is fellowship." ". . . a convention is the best way to promote fellowship."

In Dr. M. J. Bieber's banquet speech Rev. Mr. Traver's name was analyzed as follows: T—tried, r—right, a—Amos (a teacher), v—vim, e—expert (in L. L. work), r—righteous.

At the fifth and last session, Tuesday evening, Rev. Mr. Fred Wunder delivered an address on "The

Walk of Walks." In the course of his address he stated that a number of changes occur in us as we walk with the greatest personality, namely, Jesus: (1) We change from the state of fear to that of courage, (2) Our personality becomes sweeter, (3) Our religion becomes contagious. Contagion is a necessary thing in the world of religion.

His address was followed by the installation of the newly elected officers, and appointed departmental secretaries and committee members, conducted by Dr. M. J. Bieber.

The following were elected or appointed for the ensuing year:

President—Arthur Larson, Minneapolis.
First Vice-President—Olga Hanson, N. St. Paul.
Second Vice-President—Harry Barghuson, Red Wing.
Recording Secretary—Leonard T. Carlson, Minneapolis.
Corresponding Statistical Secretary—Ruth Anderson, Lindstrom.
Educational Secretary—Rev. Mr. E. R. Wicklund, Richfield.
Life Service Secretary—Ruth Johnson, St. Paul.
Int. Secretary—Mrs. Harold Peterson.
Members of Missionary Committee—Rev. Mr. R. H. Gerberding and Mrs. Lydia Leathermen of Minneapolis.

The next convention will be held the last week in August, 1927.

WINCHESTER, VA., CONFERENCE

Thelma R. Graham

The Winchester Conference Luther League held an enthusiastic and helpful summer conference at the historic Hebron Church, Madison, Virginia. The missionary theme, "Go, Tell," was carried out through all the program. The opening session began at eight o'clock, Thursday night. After the opening devotionals and a hearty welcome to the Madison congregation, the opening address was delivered by Rev. Mr. E. O. Graham. He described the missionary work which has been done in the various fields. Friday morning's session was taken up by the business of the League and a stirring address by Rev. Mr. W. C. Huddle, of Toms' Brook, Va. During the afternoon Miss Olga Linsenmeyer interestingly presented missionary methods which might be used in the various Leagues. Miss Heath Stickley, assisted by a number of conference Leaguers, conducted a round-table discussion of League problems and their solutions. A pep meeting at the lunch hour made all the leaguers better acquainted with each other. As a fitting climax to the second day's program, the Madison Luther League effectively presented the pageant, "Christ in America." The royal welcome, the delightful entertainment, the inspirational sessions all combined to send those attending the conference homeward with a greater desire to carry out the commission, "Go, Tell."

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OUR AMBASSADOR

Our peppy treasurer, Clarence C. Dittmer, has made the trip to the Pacific Coast, representing the L. L. of A. It is two years since Secretary Hodges made a visitation of our units in California and in the Northern Pacific States. The L. L. of A. owes these faithful Leaguers the closest possible contact. The General Secretary was dated for the whole summer and the League is most fortunate in securing Mr. Dittmer's consent to make the long trek.

One would like to hear what Clarence has to say to that Southern California bunch that came in under the wire first in the Andhra race. Anyway and everywhere, as Clarence says: "It's great to be a Luther Leaguer."

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MISSION STUDY CLASSES

You will find information in the Missionary Department with regard to Study Classes. We have promised that the names of all Leagues that start Mission Study Classes will be printed in the REVIEW. Send in the names to Miss Scherer.

A LEAGUE!

Robert Garland Blocher (Treasurer of the Maryland Synod Luther League) and Miss Ruth Isabelle Klepper, married at Richmond, Virginia, Saturday, June 26th.

League weddings are happy weddings.

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ANOTHER

Carl Satre, Secretary of the Ohio Synodical League was married in the first week of August. Happy days!

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A GOOD GOAL

Every League home should subscribe for the REVIEW. We mean by this every home where there is a League member. Of course brothers and sisters and parents can do with one REVIEW. But one will not do for the neighborhood. We want the REVIEW to be read because the young folks find it interesting. It is not merely a work magazine for Devotional Meetings and officers. Many folks tell us that the REVIEW is interesting. The way to discover whether they are right is to begin to read it regularly.

WELCOME FLORIDA!

The Florida boom has sent thousands of Lutherans to the south. Consequently the Lutheran Church is booming with the country. The latest good word is that a Florida Luther League has been organized and is starting out on the full League program. Good for you, Florida, we are right with you!

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A PUZZLE

Without a cross word too! The 1929 convention will meet at Omaha, or Niagara Falls, or Detroit or some other place. What do you think of that? So far we can expect brass bands from these cities to invade the quiet peace of Salisbury. May the best town win!

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RELIEVED

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73%

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